UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

) File No. FL-03815-A

JAY PEAK, INC.

WITNESS: William Stenger

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PLACE: Securities and Exchange Commission

801 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1800

Miami, Florida 33131

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m.



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	APPEARANCES:	1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MI EMMICES.	2	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: We are on the record
3	On behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission:	F	at 10:30 a.m. on May 21st, 2014. We are here to
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	TRISHA FUCHS-SINDLER, ESQ.	4	take the testimony of William Stenger at the SEC
5	BRIAN JAMES, ESQ.	5	Offices of Miami, Florida.
6	MICHELLE LAMA, ACCOUNTANT	6	Mr. Stenger, please raise your right
7	Division of Enforcement	7	hand.
8	Securities and Exchange Commission	8	Do you swear to tell the truth, the
9	801 Brickell Avenue	9	whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
10	Suite 1800	10	MR. STENGER: I do.
11	Miami, Florida 33131	11	Whereupon,
12	(305) 982-6300	12	WILLIAM STENGER
13		13	was called as a witness and, having been first
14		14	duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
15	On behalf of the Witness:	15	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Please state and
16	DAVID B. GORDON, ESQ.	16	spell your full name for the record.
17	Richardson Patel, LLP	17	THE WITNESS: William Joseph Stenger,
18	405 Lexington Avenue	18	S-T-E-N-G-E-R.
19	49th Floor	19	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Have you ever been
20	New York, New York 10174	20	known by any other name?
21	(646) 755-7315	21	THE WITNESS: No. Well, my nickname is
22	` '	22	Bill.
23		23	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Okay.
24		24	My name is Trisha Sindler. I'm a Senior
25		25	Counsel with the Division of Enforcement of the
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3	WITNESS: EXAMINATION	3	Michelle Lama, Accountant. We may be joined later
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5		5	Senior Litigation Counsel. We are
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2	of questions. At any time, if you want to take a	2	Do you understand that?
3	short break, feel free to tell us. We'll be happy	3	THE WITNESS: I do.
4	to accommodate you. All we ask is that if there's	4	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: The court reporter
5	a question pending, that you answer the question	5	transcribes these proceedings and will create a
6	before we go on a break.	6	transcript of your testimony at the end. Please
7	THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.	7	make sure to answer verbally hecause the court
8	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: During the course of	8	reporter cannot pick up any nodding or any other
9	your testimony today, I'm going to ask you	9	gestures.
10	questions about things that happened or may have	10	Do you understand?
11	happened in the past. Obviously, time has gone by	11	THE WITNESS: I do.
12	since those events and you're likely to have a	12	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Also, sometimes when
13	better and more complete memory of some events	13	people are testifying, they anticipate the
14	than others.	14	question, but for the sake of the transcript
15	In answering a question about these	15	THE WITNESS: I understand
16	events, however, you should tell me about all your	16	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Right if you
17	memories or recollections that are responsive to	17	could please let me finish the question and then
18		18	answer, and that will help create a clear
i	the question, not just those that are specific or	19	
19	perfectly clear or those of which you're a hundred	l	transcript.
20	percent sure.	20	THE WITNESS: I understand.
21	I'm asking you also for vague memories,	21	MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Okay. Thank you.
22	general memories, cloudy memories, and/or memories		Also, if we have a conversation about
23	of which you are less than a hundred percent	23	the case when we're off the record, we have to
24	certain. In other words, I'm asking you for any	24	summarize that conversation when we return on the
25	responsive recollection whatsoever you may have	25	record.
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Q So your current title with Jay Peak Resort is --

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Q Any other private companies of which you're an officer or director?

Λ I don't -- no. The answer's no. I'm a director and participant in a number of non-profit volunteer organizations, but privately held, no. That would be it.

O As President and CEO of Jay Peak, what does your role consist of?

A I am involved in the day-to-day operations of the resort. I'm involved in the developmental planning, operational planning, responsible for a staff of fifteen hundred in the winter time.

The scope of the resort is skiing, golf, conference business, wedding coordination, a variety of other recreational activities. We welcome about a million visitors a year. And my job is to make sure the resort runs correctly, efficiently, profitably.

And I manage on a day-to-day basis about thirty-five managers and supervisors, who, in

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I'll then go to the next department that is important to that day's operations, which would be our Lift Operations and Maintenance Department, to determine if there are any conditions that would prevent us from running all of our lifts, when weather conditions may or may not play a role

Once I know what the snow making and grooming outcomes are in the lift operations -conditions are, I'll communicate with my Marketing Department and verify what our message to the public will be that morning. That all happens before 7:00 a.m.

I then will proceed to the first of three hotels that we operate and two cafeterias to make sure that the facilities are clean and neat, ready to be opened, that the staff is in place to welcome people, that the Food Service Departments in each location are prepared for the breakfast offerings that we give to the day skier, as well as our destination skier. That takes me about -about forty-five minutes to complete.

In the meantime, I have an opportunity to welcome the staff, interact with them, perhaps,

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turn, deal with a great staff of up to fifteen

hundred in the winter and about five hundred in the summer.

I'm involved in every aspect of the organization, government relations, community relations. I'm a hands-on General Manager who has also the title of President and CEO, but I'm a hands-on GM.

Q Hands-on GM, General Manager?

A General Manager.

Q Let me just explore. When you say the day-to-day operations, if you can give me a flavor for what you're talking about.

A Would you like me to take you through an average day in winter time?

Q Yeah, if you want.

A I'll arrive at the ski area at about 6:30 in the morning. I'll drive to the operations garage area where I'll meet the groomers who just finished the midnight to six grooming shift. We'll review grooming performance, trail conditions. We'll take note of what snow making may have taken 22 place overnight and what kind of condition the

trails will be in for our guests that day. That

generally takes about a half hour, forty-five

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thank them for what they're doing, and, in general, do what a good manager does, which is motivate and -- and appreciate the people that work for you.

Then I will go to my office. I'll usually get there about 8:00. I'll touch base with my Marketing VP on any things that he might have on his agenda. And then I'll sit down at my computer, and I'll track emails that might've come in overnight, answer those that I can, get a sense of what issues I might need to deal with from them, if any.

Then our operation -- our operation starts at 8:30, the actual welcoming of guests and the actual running of the resort from a skiing standpoint. At that time, our guests are starting to arrive. I'll take time to make sure that our arrival procedures, parking attendants, plowing, driveways and parking lots are clear and in the kind of order that a guest would expect.

I'll then generally proceed to meet with the hotel General Manager around 9:00 to see if there were any issues overnight in his world, because we have three thousand beds and we have over four hundred dwelling units, and were there

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Q Okay.

By about 10:00, the water park, which is a big part of our year-round operation, is about to open. Sometimes I try to be there at 9:30 when they have their team meeting where they have thirty employees, that every morning at 9:30 they have a team meeting to prepare for the opening of their facility. I try to be there on occasion to see if they have any questions, again, thank them for what they're doing, and be aware of if there are any issues the manager of that facility has that needs my interaction.

Once that's done, we're into the operation of the day, and then I will probably go back to my office. I might be involved in various meetings with various staff. I have administrative duties. I might be signing checks. I might be meeting my HR Director on an issue. When you have fifteen hundred employees, you have HR issues almost on a daily basis. Something happens, and they will need to either let me know about those things or just maybe there's a question that only I can answer.

And then we get into the middle of the

And when you had mentioned you're involved with developmental planning and operational planning, what were you referring to?

A Well, I refer to developmental planning as the physical creation and development of the physical property of Jay Peak. In -- probably 1992, after a number of years of planning and -and collaboration with my staff and my community, we got a master plan developed and approved by our community and our -- what we call our Act 250 Commission, which is an environmental review procedure in Vermont.

And that master plan, developed in the nineties, was sort of the blueprint for what would Jay Peak become going forward. And so from a developmental standpoint, ever since the late eighties and throughout the nineties and the early 2000 to 2006, we were involved in elements of the construction, expansion, and creation of that master plan. It continued from -- passed 2006 and continues to this day. We are still developing the resort, but I will say right now we're probably at about eighty-five percent complete. So a few more things of relevance to do, but -- so that's the developmental thing.

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day where our Food and Beverage Department ramps 1 2 up, because the skiers are there in the morning. 3 Come noontime, they're in the inside. Afternoon, 4 they're outside. About between four and six, they 5 depart. And I'm aware of all of those different 6 periods of activity. And during the noon hour, I 7 try to make sure I'm visible in each of the Food 8 and Beverage Departments, because we could be 9 feeding up to six thousand people a day on a busy 10 winter operating day. We have nine restaurants.

> So I don't go in and necessarily flip burgers, but I've done it many times. I might bus tables. I might be making sure that we're clean and neat. And all of our supervisory people are hands-on in that same manner.

The day doesn't end anymore at 4:00 when the lifts stop, because our water park continues to run, our restaurants continue to run, our retail operations continue to run, our ice arena continues to run. We run those facilities right up until 9:00 or 10:00 at night. I, generally, get out of Jay 6:30 in a winter operating day, 6:00, 6:30. They're long days, but it's a great property and a great resort and we do great work.

And in the course of an average week, you know, the slowest time of our operation is usually the afternoons. The mornings, all hell can break loose. But -- so if we're going to have a developmental meeting or something about future construction, it would usually occur in -- you know, in the afternoons, not always. I mean, sometimes the morning, but mostly -- so the developmental side of a resort is -- and every resort has this, how do you stay current, how do you stay competitive, how do you say contemporary in terms of your facilities, and that implies construction.

Q So would it be fair to say that you're involved in the construction of the various buildings and structures in connection with various limited partnerships?

A I have awareness and involvement of all the construction that's going on, yes.

Including changes?

A In most cases, yes. You know, in most cases, yeah. I'm the President and CEO of an organization. I have a fairly sizeable construction group that works with me. So I'm familiar with what we've built and when we built

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representative of the general partner. So I

apologize if I don't have the legal phrase, but I

partnership subscription agreements, and I am the

name is, you are the individual that solely

controls the general partner for Phase I in the

THE WITNESS: Yeah. And if you showed

me a subscription agreement, I imagine you have one, where I signed, it probably has the phrase of my title. So if you have such an example, if you would let me see it, I'll confirm it.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

But as far as my question, my question is: You are the sole individual that controls the general partner to the Phase I limited partnership?

THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yes.

MR. JAMES: So any actions I guess initiated by the general partner to Phase I would've been initiated by you individually, as opposed to another individual on behalf the general partner?

THE WITNESS: I, as general partner, things that would be initiated, I would be aware of and participate in.

MR. JAMES: For example, say if the general partner has an account at a financial institution, you would be the individual that would control that account held by the general partner?

THE WITNESS: I would participate in -- as I did, I participate in the payment of bills

MR. JAMES: Okay.

THE WITNESS: I check the invoices. I make sure that the work has been done. I have my team of contractors and construction management people who will pre-authorize, yeah, that work was done and it's -- this invoice is accurate, and I sign the checks.

I'll also, once I know what the needs are, the grouping of checks, the volume of money to be disbursed, I'll request that those funds be put into the accounts necessary to pay those bills. So I do that.

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q And is there anyone else who has authority to do that, what you just described for us?

A I have -- I'm trying to think if there are any other of our staff. There are a couple of staff who have the authority to sign checks for Jay Peak, Inc., but I don't believe they have authority to sign checks for the partnerships. I think I'm the signer for all of them.

Q Okay.

When you said you're the signer for all the partnerships, first, let me – I wanted to

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and I participate in the creation of the movement of funds to pay bills and monitor that, yeah. I participate in them. I -- my -- my partner, Ariel Quiros, also is involved in the financial structure and apparatus of our organization.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

When you say participate, does that include actually authorizing the movement of money in and out of that account?

THE WITNESS: I would, when bills are to be paid, would request that funds be made available for the payment of those bills usually on a monthly basis, but sometimes more than once a month, but usually on a monthly basis. As the construction proceeds, we would act accordingly and pay our bills for the developmental part of the business.

MR. JAMES: But I guess the question is, whether you are the individual that needs to approve that payment? I know you said participate. You said involvement. Do you actually are the person that approves the money going to pay a particular bill from that account?

THE WITNESS: Well -- yes, I do authorize -- I sign the checks.

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find out, which partnerships are you referring to?

A Well, you asked me a few minutes ago to talk about the partnerships and explain what they were. Would you like me to continue and explain that? Because that will help me be thorough with you. I only -- I spoke to you about the Phase I Tram Haus Lodge. There was --

Q Just before we go to the next one --

A I'm sorry. Yeah. Yeah.

MS. LAMA: Just to clarify -- and we will continue with where we started a moment ago -- you just mentioned you're the signer for all the partnerships. Just to close this off a bit. Are you signer for accounts held at which financial institutions?

THE WITNESS: Well, there are two principal banking institutions that we deal with in our business, People's United Bank, which is headquartered in Burlington, Vermont -- the Vermont bank portion is headquartered in Burlington, Vermont. And we also have banking relationships with Raymond James here in Florida.

And I'm the signer for many of the accounts at the People's United Bank. My partner, Ariel Quiros, is the principal contact and has the

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what's his name?

THE WITNESS: George Gulisano.

at Raymond James, you stated that Mr. Quiros is

MR. JAMES: And regarding the accounts

And we realized that because of that

quality banking relationship that he had, that

that was going to be a very helpful thing for us

in what was horrible times. I'm sure you remember

Page 38 Page 40 1 2008, but our financial opportunities were 1 the People's bank accounts at Raymond James --2 2 THE WITNESS: Correct. evaporating. 3 And in many of our -- it's interesting. 3 MR. JAMES: -- limited partnerships? Many of our investor partners in the projects 4 4 THE WITNESS: No. Come into People's 5 living in other parts of the world would always 5 United Bank. 6 6 say, are you putting our funds in Citibank? MR. JAMES: Sorry. People's United 7 7 Because they knew Citibank, and they thought, oh, Bank. 8 THE WITNESS: And then we would transfer 8 Citibank's a rock. Right? And the answer was, 9 9 them down to Raymond James to put them into the no, we weren't putting them in Citibank, but --10 account there and buy Treasury bills. 10 and, you know, here was an example of a major 11 banking institution in 2008 that almost collapsed. 11 MR. JAMES: Okay. 12 12 We were putting our funds in Raymond So, ultimately, when the funds now 13 13 James, and Mr. Quiros was buying Treasury bills needed to be used for construction with the partnership, what happened in that regard? 14 with the funds from the partnerships. And we were 14 15 15 using the strength of his relationship with THE WITNESS: Well, what would happen 16 16 Raymond James to help -- to help Jay Peak in its is -- so there's a fund at Raymond James, and when 17 17 infancy under this new corporate structure. we had a stack of checks to be cut, funds would be 18 18 So he had a preexisting relationship transferred back from Raymond James to the 19 with Raymond James. We were a new company in 19 People's United checking account, and from that 20 20 account, we would write the checks and pay the search of banking support, like a lot of companies 21 21 were, and I was very glad that we had that vendors that were appropriate. 22 22 opportunity. MR. JAMES: Okay. So the Treasury bills 23 Now, People's United is a small regional 23 would be sold, and then those proceeds would then 24 24 bank with certain capacities, but certainly not be transferred to the People's Bank account --25 THE WITNESS: Correct. 25 major, major capacity. So I don't know if that Page 39 Page 41 1 1 explains it, but I hope it rounds out the MR. JAMES: -- to pay bills? 2 question. 2 THE WITNESS: Correct. 3 And Mr. Quiros coordinates and was the 3 And, you know, as you know, there's a 4 signatory for those accounts at Raymond James and 4 limit to what a bank can guarantee, but when you 5 was the go-to person for that. 5 have many millions of dollars in Treasury bills, MR. JAMES: In mentioning I guess the 6 6 they're guaranteed by the full faith and credit of 7 7 relationship or I guess the preexisting the United States, which is a better outcome when 8 relationship with Raymond James, you talked about 8 you're talking with an investor. And every 9 9 investor that knew that we were invested in the fact that the investor funds are I guess 10 10 deposited or transferred to Raymond James and then Treasury bills were pretty happy about that. 11 at Raymond James they buy Treasury bills with the 11 MR. JAMES: But in talking about that 12 12 preexisting relationship, you referenced the 13 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah. We're moving 2008 -- I guess January 2008 purchase, the June 14 forward here from these other partnership 14 2008 closing. 15 15 questions, which I'm sure we'll come back to. THE WITNESS: Closing. 16 When an investor invested in one of our 16 MR. JAMES: But what was Raymond James's 17 projects, we would take the funds and transfer 17 role in that? You mentioned, thankfully, you had 18 them to Raymond James and Mr. Quiros would invest 18 that relationship at that time. 19 19 THE WITNESS: Well, we -- Mr. Quiros is in Treasury bills, safe, secure, guaranteed by the 20 full faith and credit of the United States 20 my partner, and I have known Ariel Quiros for 21 government. And in 2008, we could not thought of 21 twenty, plus years, maybe twenty-five years, so --22 a better place in which to put our investor funds, 22 as a homeowner at Jay Peak and as someone who 23 23 and I was very glad that we did that. knows Vermont, and I was a friend, and, you know,

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MR. JAMES: So it's -- just to get the

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1 When my prior partner died in 2006, the 2 family that owned Jay Peak at the time was willing 3 to entertain a buyout. They were a Quebec family 4 with property in Quebec. They did not want to 5 retain the Vermont area. And they invited me to 6 put together a team to buy Jay Peak. And I 7 mentioned earlier this master plan that we had 8 been working on, this vision of the resort. 9 Implementing that vision was incredibly important 10 to my community, to me, to my staff. And Ary 11 shared the vision. He understood the blueprint. 12

So between the debt of Jacques Hebert. in March of '06 and January of '08, we -- you know, we worked on how to bring about the sale of Jay Peak. And he had -- he had his own resources. He had some partners that he had relationships with. And Raymond James was where he had his personal assets. And he -- we put together a plan to purchase the area from the prior owners, and that plan, the plan was agreed upon.

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We took I believe day-to-day operational control on I believe it was January 27th of 2008, and the closing I think was June 23rd or something like that in 2008. And we operated and technically I believe owned the area from the

THE WITNESS: Well, he has businesses internationally. He's involved in international trade and commerce. And that was his -- it's a South Florida or a Florida-based company, and he had that relationship. I don't know the -what -- I think it's a combination of physical relationship here in Florida and the fact that he had been working with them for sometime on his other -- his other activities.

MS. LAMA: You mentioned that technical or operational control of the facility was in January 2008 and then the actual closing was in June 2008.

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MS. LAMA: What was the difference in time there?

THE WITNESS: Well --

MS. LAMA: Why did the closing occur later? If you could briefly explain that.

THE WITNESS: Oh, I think it was just that that was going to take us some time to get the capital together. There were a lot of details to work out. We had real estate holdings. We had -- I mean, it was a complicated transaction. I'm not a real estate lawyer, but it's not a

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January 27th date. And Ary facilitated the sale and the accumulation of the cash required to make the purchase.

I ran the day-to-day operations, was continuing to work on the EB-5 program. And we'd launched into a new era in the middle of probably one of the most turbulent financial periods in the history of this country.

Three months later, everything in a lot of worlds went bad. Our world held up in no small part because he had a relationship with Raymond James. And Raymond James, if I look back now and I look at Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, and Bear Stearns, and Raymond James, and 14 I think who survived and who didn't and who got through that really well, I would say Raymond James came through it better than anybody. And I'm very glad that he had a relationship with them and his relationship wasn't with Lehman Brothers, because we all know what happened.

So, you know I'm -- I look back, and I think, my God, thank goodness we had that relationship with Raymond James.

MS. LAMA: And how is it that he had this relationship with Raymond James?

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1 very -- it's not uncommon to take control of an 2 organization or an operation on day one, and then 3 you set the closing date, you know, three or four 4 months later when you can get all your paperwork 5 completed and so forth.

We wanted to have operational control in January or as early in the year as we could because that was the big income period of the season. We -- prior to our development of our other amenities that I know we'll talk about, skiing in 2008 was about ninety-five percent of our income on an annualized basis. And so the sooner we could get and have operational control, the better. I mean, we're running a business and you've got bills to pay and income to pay them.

So if you take ownership of a ski resort in April or May of a given year, it's probably until next November or December before there's going to be an income stream. No ski area operator would want that. And in 2008, we were largely a ski area operator.

So we wanted to have control in the company that was selling. Based on the price of what we were offering them was understanding of the fact that we were interested in getting the

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1 control. 2 MR. JAMES: What was the price? 3 THE WITNESS: It was fifteen million, 4 and we assumed some -- some preexisting debt. 5 MR. JAMES: Any sense of what was the --6 THE WITNESS: I think the preexisting 7 debt was somewhere in the seven, eight million 8 dollar range. And some of that was longer-term 9 chair lift liabilities with Vermont Economic 10 Development Authority and things like that. 11 MS. LAMA: Were there subsequent closing

adjustments that you recall that increased the purchase price beyond the fifteen million cash and the seven, eight million in preexisting debt --

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14 THE WITNESS: I don't recall any, but 15 that doesn't mean there might not have been. I 16 17 mean, the closing was done in June. It was done by, you know, the attorneys that represented us 18 and represented the prior owner. And I mean, I 19 think it, basically, pretty much what I just 20 21 mentioned. 22 MS. LAMA: Okay.

22 23 THE WITNESS: I know those closing 24 documents exist and it could be shared with you, 25 if you wanted.

Q When you say Raymond James relationship was part of that, what do you mean?

A Well, he had his -- all of his assets in Raymond James, and if you're looking for the ability to get access to capital, you go to your bank. You go to your bank.

He had a banking relationship with these folks. He had his personal assets there. He had assets from other business associates there. And to the degree that he could benefit from the relationship he had with Raymond James, he did.

MS. LAMA: Okay.

And from your understanding, how did -what funds did Quiros use to make the acquisition?

THE WITNESS: Well, he -- there was a deposit made, and then there was a closing date established. And on the closing date, there were transfers made. And then there were -- some of the debt was structured to be paid at other times. And he facilitated that with our attorneys and with Raymond James.

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q He, being Mr. Quiros?

Yes. Yes.

MR. JAMES: And the deposit you said

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1 MS. LAMA: And you mentioned that during 2 the period of time between June -- between, I'm 3 sorry --4

THE WITNESS: January.

MS. LAMA: -- January 2008 and June 2008, that efforts were being made to raise -- to put the capital together?

THE WITNESS: Sure.

9 MS. LAMA: Who was involved with that? 10

THE WITNESS: Oh, it was largely Ary. You know, he was organizing the funds and

preparing for the closing. Like any acquisition of anything, whether it's a house or a car, you agree on the purchase, you agree on what you're going do, and then you put together your funds to make the acquisition.

MS. LAMA: And what's your understanding of how Quiros pulled the funds together? What options was he looking at? How did he pull the funds together?

THE WITNESS: He had his own funds. He had some funds from business partners that he had. Those were -- and, you know, the Raymond James relationship was part of that.

BY MS, FUCHS-SINDLER:

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that was made, that was the deposit made in early January 2008?

THE WITNESS: I know that when we signed an agreement of sale, there was a deposit given. I don't recall what that number was, but I mean, it was I think -- I don't know what that number was. But, you know, I'm sure the record -- I mean, obviously, but it's available to be determined.

MR. JAMES: But that deposit is separate from the transfers that were made in connection with the actual closing itself in June?

THE WITNESS: I'm hesitant to answer something that I -- precise date and amount. And I know that the precise information is available to us, and I'm happy to provide it, but I don't --I don't recall right now the exact amount of the deposit, what the date was, or what account it came from. I assume it came from the Jay Peak account or Q Resorts account. I'm not sure at this point. I mean, it's been eight years -- six years.

MR. JAMES: And I think when Trisha was doing the lead into testimony today, I think she explained to you that even in instances where you don't have a full, complete recollection of

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answers to questions we're asking, if you have partial recollection, you can still answer, well, you vaguely remember XYZ, or you can say, well, I think it is --

THE WITNESS: Well, and I think I've done that. I think I told you I think there was a deposit. There was a date established for transition of ownership, a date established for closing.

In between the time of the ownership change and the closing, I was running the day-to-day ski area operations that I outlined for you a few minutes ago, what I do on a day-to-day basis. My job between -- every day, the 27th of January and that closing date was, run that ski area, have a successful winter as we can have, have as positive a cash outcome as we can. And Ary was pulling together the funds for the closing that was on the 23rd of June.

I was actually in Vancouver, Canada on the day of the closing at an American Immigration Lawyers Association meeting promoting our Phase II project when the closing occurred. I wasn't even in Vermont. It was all being done with our attorneys, their attorneys, and -- and Mr. Quiros.

price, is it your understanding that that money was transferred from Raymond James?

THE WITNESS: I know that on the day of the closing, that the closing occurred and that the funds required for the closing were received by Mont Saint-Sauveur, and it came from Raymond James.

MS. LAMA: Okay. If we can step back for a moment, and then, perhaps, you can help us understand how this acquisition was financed or paid for, that would be something we would like to focus on.

In leading up to the acquisition, were funds transferred from escrow accounts held by Jay Peak Phase I and Phase II to accounts at Raymond James by MSSI?

THE WITNESS: I suspect at the time of -- yeah, they would've -- they would've been transferred to Raymond James at some point. They would've, yes.

MS. LAMA: Okay. Okay.

So in terms of -- can you explain to us why the monies were moved to Raymond James and what happened to those monies after they were moved to Raymond James, pre-acquisition and around

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MR. JAMES: So do you have any knowledge as to — and I'm focusing on the transfers of money from Q Resorts to the seller, MSSI, the Canadian owners of Jay Peak at that time, as to those transfers, do you have any knowledge as to where Mr. Quiros pulled those funds from?

THE WITNESS: I'm sure it came from the Raymond James accounts that he had control over.

9 MR. JAMES: And why are you sure of 10 that?

THE WITNESS: Well, because that's where all of his banking was. We didn't have banking with People's United in that manner. I mean, his banking relationships were with Raymond James.

MR. JAMES: So as far as --

THE WITNESS: I don't know of any other banking relationships that he had, other than maybe some local bank for his personal checking, but, you know, that was the banking organization that he -- he worked with.

MR. JAMES: Okay. So is it your understanding that the fifteen million sale price -- and this is not counting the -- you know the preexisting debt or the long-term debt that he assumed, but the fifteen million actual base sale

the time of acquisition?

THE WITNESS: I know that the funds that we had were transferred to Raymond James, and they were put into -- there was an account established for each partnership in Raymond James, and that's when they were -- that's where they were. That was the depository for the funds.

MS. LAMA: Okay.

And so that we're specific, the funds that were moved, these are investor funds related to Phase I and Phase II that were moved to Raymond James?

THE WITNESS: We had funds for both projects at that time, and I know that we were setting up accounts at Raymond James for both accounts. So the answer I believe is yes.

MS. LAMA: Okay.

So those were investor funds that were moved to Raymond James?

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MS. LAMA: Okay.

And once those investor funds were moved to Raymond James, what took place next with those investor funds?

THE WITNESS: Well, they -- we continued

Page 54 Page 56 1 to add to those funds as investor investment took and he was handling that. And I know that the 2 place, especially at that point I believe it would 2 sources of funds that he used for the closing were 3 3 be Phase II, and the funds were there for the multiple, and he's best able to answer those 4 utilization of what our business was. 4 specifically. 5 5 MS. LAMA: Okay. MS. LAMA: And why do you say the And, initially -- and I'm still speaking 6 6 sources of funds were multiple? 7 7 to pre-acquisition and around the time --THE WITNESS: Well, because a minute 8 8 pre-closing and around the time of closing. ago, I told you that he had all of his personal 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Acquisition and 9 wealth and his other investment holdings at 10 closing are two different things. You combined 10 Raymond James. He has more involvement with 11 11 the two there. Raymond James than just his involvement at Jay 12 12 MS. LAMA: Right. And I tried to Peak, and that was sort of the strength of our --13 13 correct myself. of our ability to have a banking relationship. 14 14 THE WITNESS: Okay. MS. LAMA: Okay. 15 MS. LAMA: At pre-closing and around the 15 Around the time of the closing or as 16 16 time of closing, the investor funds that were part of this financing of this purchase, were 17 17 moved to Raymond James, what took place with those there discussions about -- or did you participate 18 investor funds around the time of closing? 18 in discussions with Mr. Quiros about his obtaining 19 19 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't know a loan to pay for the purchase? 20 specifically. I know that the closing was in 20 THE WITNESS: No. No, he never 21 21 June. Funds were transferred I'm sure from discussed a loan with me. He indicated that he 22 22 Raymond James to Mont Saint-Sauveur from accounts had some other business partners that might play a 23 23 that Mr. Quiros was in control of to facilitate role, and, you know, that was up to him. 24 the final closing on the 23rd of June, I think it 24 MS. LAMA: Okay. Were there any 25 25 was the 23rd. discussions about using investor funds as Page 55 Page 57 1 MS. LAMA: Okay. 1 collateral for a loan? 2 THE WITNESS: No, I had no discussions And when you say that funds were 2 3 transferred from Raymond James to MSSI to 3 with him about that. 4 facilitate the closing, are we speaking about the 4 MR. JAMES: Do you recall any 5 5 same investor funds? discussions specifically about investor funds not 6 6 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know which being used for collateral for a purchase loan? 7 7 accounts he used, hut I know the closing took THE WITNESS: No. I was running the ski 8 8 place on that day, and there were funds that were area and dealing with the investment program. He 9 used from his Raymond James accounts to facilitate 9 was taking lead on bringing the funds together for 10 the sale, do the closing. 10 the closing with Mont Saint-Sauveur. And I did 11 11 MS. LAMA: Okay. not participate in much of that at all because I 12 12 And do you know what those funds were? was doing other things. 13 13 THE WITNESS: I don't know the specific, And, you know, he coordinated the which accounts they came from. He may have pulled 14 14 closing, which, you know, it was because that's an 15 them from various accounts. 15 area of knowledge and relationship that existed, 16 16 MS. LAMA: Okay. and I didn't have that relationship. I didn't 17 17 Do you know if any of the funds were the have a relationship with Raymond James. He did. 18 18 investor funds that -- were the investor funds And he had the access to capital that was going to 19 that were transferred to Raymond James? 19 help us be able to do the closing. And, you know, 20 20 THE WITNESS: I don't know if they were that was the basis of things. 21 21 or not. They might've been. I don't know. MR. JAMES: Had he shown you any bank

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MS. LAMA: And why do you say they may

THE WITNESS: Well, I don't know the

exact accounts that they were transferred from,

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personal wealth that he was going to use in these

THE WITNESS: You know, I never asked

Raymond James accounts?

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1 him to show me that because, you know, I just --2 you know, I have a certain amount of just trust 3 that, you know, he was going to be able to pull it 4 together, and I had no reason to doubt that.

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q When he indicated he might have other business partners involved with the capitalization, did he identify them?

A He mentioned that he had some partners that were from Korea that he did -- had some business relationships with. And in subsequent -at that time, I had never met them. Subsequently, I have met a couple of them, but they were short-term -- I think short-term partners, you know, for a few years.

Q Did he tell you or did they ever tell you that part of their money had been used for the acquisition?

A They never told me, and I never asked, but I was advised that they had played a role in pulling together the capital at the time of 22 purchase to help us facilitate it.

Q You were advised by who?

24 A By Ary.

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Q When you said they were involved, what

for the acquisition?

A I would think that wouldn't be -wouldn't be appropriate.

Q Why do you say that?

A Well, if I'm using someone else's money that I don't have a right to, I mean, obviously, that wouldn't be the right approach. But his -as I said, his relationship with Raymond James was broad, and, you know, they offered him a number of different avenues to do business. And as I said, he can best explain the complexity of that.

But, you know, there are a number of things that he has access to. And because of his personal banking and his associates' banking, all of our funds being in the Treasury bill program there, he had -- he had the ability to put it all altogether.

MS. LAMA: For Jay Peak Hotel Suites Phase I and Jay Peak Hotel Suites Phase II, for the funds that were -- investor funds that were deposited into Raymond James, were -- to your understanding, were any margin loans taken in those accounts around the time of acquisition -closing?

THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to

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that. The facilitation of the sale was done by Mr. Quiros, and he controlled, and to this day controls the relationship at Raymond James. And if I were to speculate, I would be making a mistake, because I don't know. I don't know.

MR. JAMES: What about --

THE WITNESS: I know that the funds came from Raymond James. And I know that he controlled those funds and had multiple relationships within Raymond James. And I don't know the specific program or account or -- that he used, but I know the closing took place.

And to go a little further, the project got built, and we accomplished an incredible task of buying a resort in 2008, investing and building a magnificent hotel and another magnificent hotel. And the exact account or how it was formulated, you should ask him specifically, because he can, I'm sure, put great clarity on it. I cannot.

MS. LAMA: At any point, did you obtain an understanding that there were margin loans in the Phase I and Phase II account at Raymond James? THE WITNESS: I know that there were

accounts for Phase I and Phase II and that he had his money in there as well. And what formulas or

does that mean?

A They contributed some money.

Q Did he say how much?

A He did not. But he said that they were very helpful in helping us make it possible.

Q Did he say how much of his own money he had contributed?

A He did not.

Q And back to the question about -- I know you said there was no discussion about collateral. Could investor funds have been used as collateral for the purchase, for the acquisition?

A I don't know. You said could they. I don't know -- could -- does could mean they were, or does could mean they could? I don't know if they could've been used.

I know that Ary was coordinating the purchase and that was his job. And we had -- he had his relation -- his banking relationships with Raymond James. And between his personal assets and his business associate assets and his relationships with Raymond James, he was able to put together the sale. And that's what I know.

Q In your view, is it permissible to use investor assets as collateral for the purchase,

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instruments he had access to through Raymond James were his -- that was his purview. I did not get involved in that aspect of our operation.

I've heard the term "margin loan" thrown around. I do not know if that had anything to do with this transaction. I don't.

Q Do you know the names of the individuals that Mr. Quiros said he obtained funding from in connection with the acquisition?

A I know a couple of them, yeah.

Q What are the names?

A Alex Choi and Dr. C. Y. Lee are two of them.

Q At any point, have you ever heen a signatory on any of the Raymond James accounts?

A No

Q Was there ever any discussion between you and Mr. Quiros about that, about adding you?

A I don't think so.

Q Did you ever ask to be added?

A No. No. No. He's my partner. I trust him. He had a banking relationship.

Remember what we were going through in 2008. We just acquired an entity, and there were no hanking relationships available to new

partner that is the coordinator of the finance and that's what he's good at and that's what he knows and it's his relationship, I'm not going to micromanage him. You're taking care of feeding the engine that I'm trying to drive in a creative and productive future. So, you know --

MR. JAMES: No. 1 understand that. But I guess my initial question was to the significance of the Raymond James relationship. Because if you're saying by 2008 there was, basically, a lending drought and there were no banks lending money --

THE WITNESS: To new companies, yeah.

MR. JAMES: -- to new companies, besides
Raymond James, right?

THE WITNESS: No. No. We had a relationship, Brian, with Raymond James. If you try to start a new relationship, a new company with a new bank, good luck. He had a relationship with Raymond James. Thank God he did.

MR. JAMES: And that's my question. Is Raymond James's role in the acquisition or in the closing was that they loaned Mr. Quiros the money or --

THE WITNESS: I --

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companies, none. I defy you to find a new company that could find a substantive banking relationship in 2008 and 2009. He had one. He had a

substantive banking relationship with Raymond

James. And were it not for that relationship, I
 don't think we could've succeeded or survived. We

would've failed just like a lot of companies

failed in that era.

So, you know, I -- I trusted him and do trust him that we've looked after Jay Peak and every partnership that we have, and we've -- we've done remarkable work.

MR. JAMES: And I guess -THE WITNESS: And I just don't know the
particulars of the closing day and how and exactly
what instruments he might've used. And you might
say, well, how could you not know that? Well,
I've got a hell of lot of things I'm doing. You
have no idea how busy and committed to these other
things -- he took care of the banking. I took
care of the operation and development and the
growth of this resort.

And I'm little embarrassed that I don't know all the details. I'll tell you. You know, maybe I should. But, you know, when you have a

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MR. JAMES: Let me finish. THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

MR. JAMES: Because when you referenced that he had assets, himself and his contributors had assets at Raymond James, then it sounds as if he has the cash to pay the closing, as opposed to needing to loan it from Raymond James. So why is Raymond James significant?

THE WITNESS: Well, access to cash can be any number of things. It may be your personal assets. It may be the leverage the bank is willing to give you because of your assets.

I mean, you know, when you're dealing with an acquisition of a piece of equipment or a property or a company, there are any number of ways in which a bank might offer you an opportunity to access capital. And it was his purview and his expertise and his relationship.

If I walked into the Raymond James office here in Florida, Bill Stenger, well known in Vermont, you know what they'd have said? Big deal, we don't know you. Ary knew them. Ary had that relationship. And in trying to put together the sale, so that we could implement the vision of the master plan and do the things that we've done,

Page 66 Page 68 1 were it not for that relationship, it wouldn't 1 Q Mr. Stenger, the court reporter has just 2 have happened. 2 marked as Exhibit No. 94 a two-page document. It 3 3 MR. JAMES: But you don't know exactly appears to be a letter from Spiegel Sohmer, dated 4 how --4 June 18th, 2008 to Mr. Joel Burstein. 5 5 THE WITNESS: I don't know the -- I MR. JAMES: Mr. Stenger, take a look at don't know the internal precise accounts and how 6 6 that letter and let me know when you're finished. 7 7 it was done, but I know it was successfully Mr. Stenger, have you seen Exhibit No. 8 8 94 before? completed, and he did it with the support of the 9 Raymond James relationship. 9 THE WITNESS: No. 10 MR. JAMES: Okay. 10 MR. JAMES: Okay. Based on what's in 11 11 front of you, would you agree that this appears to So to the extent Raymond James did 12 12 extend a loan to Mr. Quiros for -be a letter on a Spiegel Sohmer law firm 13 13 letterhead that's dated June 18th, 2008 and it's THE WITNESS: I -- I'm sorry. I'm 14 14 signed by Mr. Alwynn Gillett, that's sorry. 15 MR. JAMES: Just follow me. 15 G-I-L-E-T-T? Do you see that? 16 16 THE WITNESS: I apologize. THE WITNESS: I do. 17 MR. JAMES: Say, hypothetically, that's 17 MR. JAMES: Okay. 18 what occurred, and I understand your testimony is 18 Do you see the cc's that it's directed 19 19 to a Joel Burstein at Raymond James, but it cc's a that you don't know exactly what role Raymond 20 James played as far as funding the closing, but 20 number of individuals? 21 21 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. say what they did do was extend Mr. Quiros a loan 22 22 in which he was going to acquire or at least fund MR. JAMES: Okay. Do you see that your 23 23 name is included as one of those individuals that the closing. I think what you testified to 24 earlier is, that it wouldn't be permissible for 24 was cc'd on this letter? 25 25 THE WITNESS: I do. him to use investor funds as collateral for that Page 67 Page 69 1 loan that he's going to use now to help fund it. 1 MR. JAMES: Along with Mr. Quiros, who 2 THE WITNESS: I don't know if it was a 2 we've talked about before, as well as some other 3 loan. That's why I, ultimately, tried to 3 individuals? 4 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. interrupt you. 5 MR. JAMES: Okay. But, hypothetically, 5 MR. JAMES: By the way, who is Mr. Louis 6 if it was a loan, was your testimony that it 6 Hebert and Mr. Louis Dufour, and that's 7 7 wouldn't be permissible for Mr. Quiros to use D-U-F-O-U-R? THE WITNESS: Louis Hebert is the son of 8 investor funds as collateral for that loan? 8 9 THE WITNESS: I would think probably 9 the principal shareholder of Mont Saint-Sauveur, 10 not, but I don't think he did that. 10 who had passed away prior to this transaction. And 11 MR. JAMES: Okay. 11 Louis Dufour is -- was one of the principal 12 Do you remember any discussions in or 12 partners of that organization, also. 13 13 around the time of closing either with the sellers The Hebert family owned I believe about 14 or with anyone at Raymond James about the money. 14 sixty-five percent of Mont Saint-Sauveur. And Mr. 15 the investor funds that were transferred over to 15 Dufour I think owned about twenty or twenty-five 16 Raymond James from People's Bank, do you remember 16 percent. 17 17 any conversations about that money not being used MR. JAMES: So these two would be the 18 representatives the seller? 18 as collateral or at least someone seeking 19 confirmation of that? 19 THE WITNESS: Correct. 20 20 THE WITNESS: I do not recall any MR. JAMES: And then just to complete 21 conversations around the time of closing. I mean, 21 the list, I also see a Mr. William Kelly as a cc. 22 it was in June of 2008, and it's a long time ago. 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. 23 (SEC Exhibit No. 94 was marked 23 MR. JAMES: Who is Mr. Kelly? THE WITNESS: He's legal counsel for our 24 for identification.) 24 25 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 25 company.

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	MR. JAMES: Okay. And our company would	1	THE WITNESS: I mean, I meant to say the
2	be Jay Peak, Inc.?	2	professional relationship has always been
3	THE WITNESS: Correct.	3	maintained. And, you know, the fact that there
4	MR. JAMES: Okay. And Fred Burgess?	4	was a marriage and then a divorce has not changed
5	THE WITNESS: He was a an attorney	5	the professional relationship any.
6	that did was a closing agent.	6	MR. JAMES: Okay. And Mr. Burstein
7	MR. JAMES: Okay. And he represented	7	still remains the point of contact
8	the buyer?	8	THE WITNESS: Yes, he does.
9	THE WITNESS: He represented the	9	MR. JAMES: at Raymond James?
10	buyer.	10	Okay. So following again, because I
11	MR. JAMES: And if you go back to the	11	think we've established that this letter seems to
12	first page, you see the June 18th, 2008 date?	12	be a letter by the attorney for the seller to Mr.
13	THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.	13	Burstein at Raymond James in connection with the
14	MR. JAMES: Is it your recollection	14	closing.
15	that's in or around the time of the closing of the	15	If you go to paragraph number four
16	Jay Peak	16	and actually, sorry, let me back up. You see
17	THE WITNESS: I believe it was five days	17	where it says, Regarding, underneath the address
18	before the closing.	18	of Mr. Burstein, it has account number 54040698,
19	MR. JAMES: Okay. If you could follow	19	Jay Peak Hotel Suites, LP?
20	me through this letter. This letter appears to be	20	THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.
21	a letter from the attorneys for the sellers, and	21	MR. JAMES: Do you recognize the name of
22	it's directed to a Mr. Joel Burstein at Raymond	22	that entity or that account number?
23	James.	23	THE WITNESS: I don't recognize the
24	THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.	24	account number, but I certainly recognize the name
25	MR. JAMES: Do you know Mr. Burstein?	25	of Jay Peak Hotel Suites, Limited Partnership.
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1	So based on this letter, it seems that	1	limited partnership Phase I, they send their money
2	the attorney for the seller is ensuring that	2	to People's Bank?
3	Raymond James understands, as well as the people	3	THE WITNESS: Correct.
4	that are cc'd, that the investor funds for LP I	4	MR. JAMES: Okay.
5	and LP II cannot be used as collateral or	5	And does that go into a trust account of
6	guarantee or to fund the purchase of Jay Peak?	6	some sort?
7	THE WITNESS: Correct.	7	THE WITNESS: Yes.
8	MR. JAMES: And, again, you don't have	8	MR. JAMES: Okay.
9	any independent recollection of having those	9	And what happens with the money that's
10	discussions with anyone, whether Mr. Quiros or the	10	now in the trust account? Is there like a trigger
11	attorney or the sellers?	11	or an event that needs to occur?
12	THE WITNESS: I do not.	12	THE WITNESS: As soon as the
13	Now, at some point, are we going to	13	subscription agreement and the escrow agreement
14	discuss Phase I?	14	are executed, we would transfer the funds to
15	MR. JAMES: Yes.	15	Raymond James to then be put into Treasury bills.
16	THE WITNESS: Okay. Because between the	16	MR. JAMES: Okay.
17	time of the acquisition and the time of the	17	MS. LAMA: And for the Phase I escrow
18	closing, there was a lot of work going on. So	18	account, was a 529 approval needed
19	l you know, it wasn't we weren't waiting	19	THE WITNESS: No.
20	until the closing to begin our work. And I	20	MS. LAMA: Okay.
21	just you know, we started talking about the	21	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I did what I
22	projects, and then we jumped into the other	22	shouldn't have done. I'm sorry. Continue.
23	things, and I'm hopeful that we'll have an	23	MS. LAMA: Okay. Can you elaborate on
24	opportunity to discuss the project.	24	that?
25	MR. JAMES: Definitely. No. Definitely.	25	THE WITNESS: Once the according to
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1	THE WITNESS: Okay.	1	our documents, once the escrow agreement and the
2	BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:	2	subscription agreement were completed, the funds
3	Q Just so the record's clear, when	3	were available to the project.
4	we've been saying MSSI, we're referring to the	4	MS. LAMA: And that applies to Phase I?
5	Mont	5	THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, it
6	A Mont Saint-Sauveur International.	6	applies to all the phases of our projects.
7	Q Yes. I just want to make sure you	7	MR. JAMES: Is there a possibility that
8	understood that.	8	for Phase I could've been different than the
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funds would be returned. So it was not about take their money and do something with it, and they were not protected. We -- and, fortunately, we've never had to return funds because of a denial.

But if we didn't have the ability to take the capital that was invested and immediately put it to work, we never would've been able to build or complete the projects. So that's the reason why it was so important for us.

Recognize -- and I was noticing this yesterday and today in driving around here -- construction in Vermont is a six-month experience. If you miss the window of opportunity, you're dead. Here, you want to build? Go build. You might have a hurricane once or twice a year that you have to worry about. But in Vermont, we shut down almost most construction in mid to late November, and we get going again in the spring.

So having access to capital when it's
committed to do the things that we know we need to
do is critically important. So that's the reason.
And thank goodness that that is the way our
program was set up, because it gave us flexibility
and a nimble financial capacity.

agreement -- or into the escrow account, those are, yes. Well, there were -- there were a couple of accounts. There was the account for the project, and then there was the administrative account.

MR. JAMES: Okay. Tell me the difference.

THE WITNESS: Well, when an investor invests in the program, they put five hundred thousand dollars into the project that they're investing in. And then there was another payment required of fifty thousand that went into the administration account to pay for things such as marketing costs, legal fees, accounting fees, economists fees, document preparation, travel expenses, and sometimes fees paid to third parties that helped us find investors.

Sometimes at that early stage, we actually offered attorneys who referred us clients a referral fee. That has since stopped because the world of regulation has changed, and we don't do that anymore. But at the time in 2006, 7, 8, in the world of EB-5 development, that did go on.

We have a very detailed list of the

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MR. JAMES: So whatever the events are that needs to occur before Jay Peak has access to those investor funds, whether it's receiving a signed subscription agreement and escrow agreement or approval of the 526, whatever those events are, those are laid out in the offering documents?

THE WITNESS: They're laid out in the offering document and the subscription agreement and the escrow agreement. And I do believe now we have what we call a rescission period, where if the investor wants to rethink their involvement within thirty days, they can do so. But we've never had an investor do that either.

But in the initial stages, it was, you invested, escrow agreement, subscription agreement. That was what was required. And then the funds were transferred to Raymond James and put into Treasury bills.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

So all the funds that come into that
 People's Bank trust account, whether we're talking about Phase I, Phase II, or subsequent projects,
 the money that comes in, all of that is investor funds?

THE WITNESS: Into the escrow

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administration fees paid, who got what. And sometimes the fee was reduced if there was a reason for it.

MR. JAMES: And that'd be the administration fee?

THE WITNESS: Yes. It might've been fifty. It might've been thirty-five. It might've been thirty. It depends -- there were any number of reasons why that might've been the case.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

You say a portion of that administration fee, in addition to the marketing and things of that nature, would also go to the third party that helped bring this investor to Jay Peak?

THE WITNESS: Many times, yes.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

Did you use a specific entity or is it a series of entity, you used different third parties for that purpose?

THE WITNESS: For the first few projects, we used a firm called Rapid USA. And they were a promotional -- they were -- they helped us promote the projects, helped us find investors. And the principal of that organization played a pretty important role in developing some

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of the business plans and the offering documents. MR. JAMES: Okay. And that person? THE WITNESS: His name is Douglas Hulme, H-U-L-M-E. MR. JAMES: So going back to the trust account at People's Bank. So putting aside the administration account where those fifty thousand dollars fees go into, the actual five hundred thousand, that's the actual investment principal. that goes into its ow escrow account? THE WITNESS: Correct. MR. JAMES: Okay. So all the monies that come into that account I assume is coming in in five hundred thousand dollar increments? THE WITNESS: Correct. MR. JAMES: I'm assuming it's coming in from investors in the particular projects? THE WITNESS: Correct. MR. JAMES: Okay.

What happens if you end up receiving

THE WITNESS: Well, when we get to

more investors than what the project allows for?

What do you do with that portion of the money?

the -- I'm sorry. When we get to the point where

A From the Tram Haus Lodge, which was our first project, to the Stateside project, which was our most recent, this is about a mile and a half drive. And we built with -- each project had its own funds. And when this one was completed --

Q This one referring to?

A I'm sorry. Tram Haus Lodge was completed, we had another project that we could share with people, and they participated in that.

And then when we were finished with this one, the master plan project was for this site to be developed. And then when the next project -- this one was done, we went to -- so the master plan -- and from a construction standpoint, you would never go from far west to far east. You would want to go logically in progression, so that your disruption and your earth disturbance is controlled and minimized.

Because one of the things that, perhaps, we'll talk about is the cost of doing these things and the lessons learned in Phase I, in Phase II that we benefited in the subsequent phases. And a lot of it has to do with environmental-related issues.

MR. JAMES: So as to the Tram Haus Lodge

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one project was nearing completion in terms of the
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     full subscription, we would have -- and as it
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Because I mentioned earlier the master plan. I should've brought a map of it. It's like a development pod. And we started on the Tram Haus Lodge, which was, you know -- I know you can't see this, but -- we had multiple projects. And we started with the Tram Haus Lodge, which was

in the western edge of the resort.

We then went to the Hotel Jay complex with its water park, ice arena, golf clubhouse, conference center. Then we went to Golf and

conference center. Then we went to Golf and Mountain Suites, Lodge and Townhouse project. And then most recently the Stateside hotel.

Now, from here to here is about one and a half miles.

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q And just so the record's clear, when you say from here to here?

thousand increments from each investor into that trust account at People's Bank. Is it practice to then, once you have those documents, you have a subscription agreement, escrow agreement signed and executed by the investor, is that money then

Phase I, so the money comes in in five hundred

transferred to Raymond James, or does it then get transferred to another account at People's Bank for the limited partnership for LP I?

THE WITNESS: I believe that the funds go into People's United. Now, at the time we started, it was called Chittenden, by the way. Chittenden Bank was bought by People's United, a Connecticut-based company.

So the funds would go into the project, and then I believe transferred to Raymond James directly. I don't think there was another account that it went into.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

So it would come into the trust account, and from the trust account, it goes to the LP I account at People's Bank, and then from there, to the LP I account at Raymond James? Was that the sequence?

THE WITNESS: I believe so, but I have

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to tell you that, you know, someone like Heather Whipkey could've been more precise, you know, or our accountant CFO.

The money came into the escrow account at People's and was, subsequently, transferred to Raymond James. Now, I don't think there was another step in there. But if you showed me a document that said there was, I mean, it wouldn't be the -- it wouldn't shatter me to find that out.

People's. The subscription agreement was signed. The escrow agreement was signed properly. The funds were then some short time thereafter transferred into Raymond James and then put into Treasury bills.

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MS. LAMA: From the transfers from the escrow account for Phase I, did you authorize the transfers from the escrow -- out of the escrow account?

THE WITNESS: Oh, I think I authorized everything that went from each account. And then 22 my accounting team would facilitate that. You know, they would come to me and say, we're going to transfer some funds to Raymond James, and I'd

1 accounts, it would come into trust account at

2 People's Bank, it may or may not stop at a

3 corresponding account at People's Bank for each

4 LP, but, ultimately, it would end up at the

5 Raymond James account for that limited 6 partnership?

7 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

So, essentially, all of the limited partnership accounts at Raymond James, what is in those accounts, if there's anything, is investor

THE WITNESS: Correct. MR. JAMES: Okay.

And as you mentioned, for each of the limited partnerships, you authorized -- and, obviously, your accounting team brings you the authorization, but you authorized the monies going through that flow of chain from trust account People's and ending up in Raymond James limited partnership?

THE WITNESS: That's right.

MS. LAMA: Did the limited partnerships have escrow agreements with People's United Bank, master escrow agreements?

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sign it, because that's what -- I mean, that was

And, you know, I probably signed two hundred and fifty of these, maybe five hundred. Many, many transfers. Because that was the procedure; get it out of this account and get it into the secure Raymond James Treasury bill accounts.

MR. JAMES: And the reason for that was the interest and the security?

THE WITNESS: Security, banking, fire power. Chittenden and People's United, a small 13 regional bank. They have an appetite for creative commercial banking, like this, really. Now, I was 14 referring to a small level of risk.

People's United is essentially a savings bank in Connecticut with almost no appetite for commercial financing, unfortunately. Their prior President, Paul Perrault, who left People's United -- or left Chittenden about 2008 did have an appetite for commercial financing. But after 2008, no bank in Vermont would do any significant --MR. JAMES: And then that was the

practice for all of the limited partnership

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THE WITNESS: Probably. I apologize for not being more precise, but I -- yeah, I -- yeah, I think -- yeah, there is. There's an overarching agreement between the bank and us.

And when we opened an escrow account at the bank, that was set up, and I signed the relationship account creation. I believe our attorney, Mark Scribner, facilitated the document preparation for the escrow account. And he would set up the account with the bank, and I would go and meet the folks at the bank and sign the documents, and we were off and going.

MS. LAMA: Okay.

And to your understanding, is there one master agreement that covers all of the partnerships --

> THE WITNESS: I think each -- I'm sorry. MS. LAMA: -- or is there a different

escrow agreement -- master escrow agreement between each of the partnerships and the bank?

THE WITNESS: I believe there are individual escrow agreements with each project. I believe they reflect one another -- they're very, very similar, but I believe they are distinctive. And I recall going to the bank and signing the

Page 98 Page 100 1 inception, we were going at a very high rate of 1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yeah. 2 speed operationally and developmentally. And Mike 2 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 3 3 was attempting to help us get organized as CFO in Q And do you see where the paragraph that 4 the area of the ski area and its operation and in 4 says, Second, do you see where he says, "There 5 the area of construction and development for Phase 5 appears to be a shortfall compared to the summary 6 I and Phase II. 6 statement supplied by Raymond James?" 7 7 And he was expressing, according to this A I see where that's written, yes. 8 8 email, concern that he was not getting the Q Could you explain that, what that's 9 statements in a timely manner, in his judgment. 9 about? 10 10 A I don't -- I don't know what that's And -- and then he goes on to point out, if 11 certain things are -- were done, that they need to 11 ahout 12 be done. He's a CPA, and he was expressing in 12 Q Did you talk with anyone at Raymond 13 this email, you know, his concerns about certain 13 James about what the shortfall was about? 14 14 things. If they were, indeed, one way, they A No. I don't recall the conversation of 15 15 needed to be done a different way. that day, and I don't recall any aspect of what 16 16 Q First of all, how did he get the Raymond this email refers to. I suspect that I would've 17 James statements? Was it through you? 17 contacted Ary to ask him to follow-up. 18 18 A Oh, they would be faxed to Jay Peak. Q That was my next question. 19 19 The fax machine was ten feet from his office. A But I don't know that. I mean, this is 20 O Did it have to come from you to him? 20 January 27th of '09. And it was five years ago. 21 A He would -- Ary would tell me that he's 21 And I don't know, but I know that we -- I believe 22 22 we probably satisfied Mike's concerns, because going send up the statements. I'd go to the fax 23 23 machine, pick them up, and give them to Mike. he -- you know, I don't -- I'm pretty sure that he was satisfied. 24 because we didn't want just anybody having access 24 25 to banking statements. 25 Q Why are you sure? Page 101 Page 99 1 Our offices at the time, there was 1 A Well, because if anything persisted that 2 Marketing and Sales and Accounting and General 2 he wasn't satisfied with, he would've let me know. 3 3 Management all in one little bullpen. And I don't recall anything lingering after this. 4 4 Q Did you receive the Raymond James MR. JAMES: Well, do you recall the 5 5 statements? issues that he's raising in Exhibit No. 95? 6 A Sure. I'd pick them up, and I'd give 6 THE WITNESS: I do not recall the 7 7 them to Mike. specifics of these particular situations. 8 8 MR. JAMES: Let's take them one by one. Q Did you review them? 9 A I looked at them briefly. I didn't 9 So if you go to the first paragraph where it 10 10 begins with first, do you see that? dwell on them, because that was his job. 11 Q From the time Mr. Dupont was with Jay 11 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. 12 12 MR. JAMES: He says, "Since August," --Peak to the present, do you review Jay Peak 13 13 and this is Mr. Dupont speaking to you based on statements? 14 14 this email -- he says, "Since August, I have been A I review Jay Peak statements. 15 requesting repeatedly Raymond James statements for 15 Q I'm sorry. Not Jay Peak. I'm sorry. I 16 meant Raymond James statements. 16 Hotel I and Hotel II." 17 Do you see that? 17 A When they come in, I'll look at them 18 18 briefly, yeah. And then I'll give them to George THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. 19 Gulisano and Heather Whipkey because they're 19 MR. JAMES: Any recollection -- and just 20 20 to help us with just timing, it says, "Since charged with reconciling statements. 21 21 August," would be August of 2008? MS. LAMA: And when you receive them, 22 how do you get them? 22 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. 23 23 MR. JAMES: Sir, you have to say yes or THE WITNESS: From -- by fax. 24 24 MS. LAMA: So to this day, still by no. 25 25 fax? THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Yes. Yes.

Page 102 Page 104 MR. JAMES: And the closing on the 1 1 reason 2 purchase by Q Resorts was June of 2008? 2 MR. JAMES: Okay. 3 3 THE WITNESS: 2008. THE WITNESS: And Joel was simply 4 4 MR. JAMES: Okay. respecting that line of reporting. 5 5 So he's been asking for the statements MR. JAMES: Okay. 6 6 since August, about two months after the closing, So that sounds like something Mr. 7 7 according to what he's saying? Burstein would say to Mr. Dupont based on --8 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. Yes. THE WITNESS: Sure. 9 MR. JAMES: So you don't have a 9 MR. JAMES: Okay. 10 10 recollection of him asking for statements, he So if you go on to number -- the second 11 says, since August, and this email's in January? 11 paragraph, do you see that, where he talks about 12 12 the shortfall compared to the summary statement So we have four to five months of him asking for 13 13 supplied by Raymond James. Any recollection of statements. No recollection of that being an 14 14 receiving by -- I'm assuming it would come through issue? He was --15 THE WITNESS: You know, we were -- no, I 15 that same fax machine, summary statements instead 16 16 don't. We were in the midst of construction, of actual monthly statements? 17 operation of the ski season, and we were building 17 THE WITNESS: I do not recall. I don't 18 18 the hotel, in construction, in the middle of the recall, Brian. 19 19 MR. JAMES: And where he talks about the winter, enclosed. And I remember Mike asking for 20 the statements, but he was also involved in all 20 shortfall, any separate conversations about the 21 21 the other aspects of the operation, and he didn't balances in these accounts not being what he would 22 22 come to me daily saying, where are the statements, expect them to be? 23 23 THE WITNESS: I don't recall any where are the statements, never, never. 24 And, you know, this particular email, 24 conversations with Mike about that. 25 obviously, it appears to be of real concern to 25 MR. JAMES: What about conversations Page 103 Page 105 him. I think I shared this with Ary, and I think 1 with anyone else? 2 2 THE WITNESS: Not with anyone else for he addressed it. 3 MR. JAMES: Sticking with that first 3 that matter. 4 4 paragraph, do you see where he goes on to say that MR. JAMES: If you go on same paragraph, 5 you told him that -- sorry, he said that he 5 which is in the second to last sentence, it says, 6 contacted Mr. Burstein? I think we saw that that 6 "In addition, there appears to be ready access 7 7 was the person at Raymond James. margin loans that I have no idea as to what 8 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. 8 they pertain to." And it says, "See diagram 9 9 MR. JAMES: And that Mr. Burstein told below." 10 10 him that he could not give the information based Do you see that sentence? 11 on what Mr. Quiros said and that he did not want 11 THE WITNESS: I do. 12 that information released directly to Mr. Dupont. 12 MR. JAMES: Earlier, I think Ms. Sindler 13 13 Do you remember -had asked you about margin loans and whether you 14 THE WITNESS: I -- I remember -- I'm 14 recall any conversation about margin loans, and 15 15 sorry. Go ahead. you had said no, I believe. 16 MR. JAMES: Well, do you remember any 16 Any specific recollection now that 17 17 instructions similar to that coming from Mr. you've seen this email as far as what Mr. Dupont 18 18 Ouiros or someone else as far as information being is talking about as far as margin loans? 19 released directly to Mr. Dupont? 19 THE WITNESS: Well, he's identifying a 20 20 line item in the statement, and that is clearly, THE WITNESS: Mr. Quiros's relationship 21 21 with Raymond James is such that he is the point of you know, stated there. No doubt. It's listed 22 22 contact, and neither Michael Dupont or George there. 23 Gulisano, who's our current CFO -- the point of 23 This looks like it was -- I have 24 24 contact with Raymond James has always been Ariel, familiarity with the Raymond James statements and 25 25 and for simplicity and authority, and that is the this does appear to be the typeface that they use,

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MR. JAMES: Okay.

So it sounds like what Mr. Dupont is saying is that you guys also had a discussion prior to him writing this email, and you told him that they were not -- the investor funds were not being used as collateral. Do you see that?

THE WITNESS: I see it's stated here in his email.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

So it sounds like -- and I know earlier you said that the conversation in the morning could've been, oh, I just need to talk to you about some things, but it sounds like you guys had a more substantive conversation, at least prior to this, where you express to him that collateral -- the funds were not being used as collateral.

THE WITNESS: Brian, I can only react to what's written in this page, because I don't recall the conversation in person. I don't doubt that we had a conversation. I saw Mike every single day, and we talked frequently every day about a host of different things. And he may of asked a question about this. I see it's recorded here as he, apparently, remembers it, and I don't dispute that a bit.

as he wanted in as timely a way, and I'm sure I reached out to try to accelerate the timeliness and the preciseness of the data.

MR. JAMES: Did Mr. Dupont resign at some point in time?

THE WITNESS: He left. I'm not sure when he left. He left I think later that year. He was going through a divorce. He was a single guy. We're a real rural area. He told me how sorry he was to leave, and he said he wanted to live in Burlington. And, you know, he was living in a rural development away from, you know, all sorts of normal daily life. So it didn't surprise me a bit that he wanted to get back to Burlington.

And he took a job at an aviation company, a CFO position in downtown Burlington. Wished him well. He continues to ski and ride at Jay Peak, and he's always welcome at the area. He's a very nice guy.

MR. JAMES: If you go to the next paragraph, it begins with, fourth. You see that? THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MR. JAMES: And it says, "As previously expressed by you," and, again, this appears to be Mr. Dupont referencing a comment or a discussion

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MR. JAMES: Okay.

But no independent recollection, not really making that representation to Mr. Dupont, at least talking with Mr. Quiros about whether the investor funds are being used in this manner?

THE WITNESS: No recollection. Mike and I would have conversations daily about a host of things that were going on at the area and some of which would be related to construction and projects and a lot of it would be related to the operation of the ski area.

You know, I do remember him asking some -- for some clarity and wanting more responsiveness in terms of getting the statements in a timely manner.

The thing I would like to make clear to everyone is the pace at which we were going at that time with operations, winter construction, the introduction of new investors into Phase II, it was -- it was just a tornado of activity. And I say that in a positive way. We're going at a hundred miles an hour.

So, you know, whether or not he was getting everything he wanted, and it appears that, according to this email, he wasn't getting as much

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that he had with you prior to writing this email, and he says, "As previously expressed by you --"

THE WITNESS: To you.

MR. JAMES: To you, sorry -- "it is not appropriate for an owner or member of the Board to control treasury functions of these entities if they are not an officer and/or their actions in using these accounts are not directly controlled by the managing group of these entities, which is you and the Accounting Department."

Do you see that? THE WITNESS: I do.

MR. JAMES: And according to Mr. Dupont, he's previously expressed this opinion to you prior to writing this email?

THE WITNESS: Well, he states it here. I don't recall a conversation where I would've agreed that Ariel Quiros, the co-owner of the resort, who is the overseer, so to speak, of our financial relationship with our bank, does not have the right to -- to perform, you know, that function.

MR. JAMES: But what would be your basis for taking that position?

THE WITNESS: Well, as I said earlier in

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our conversation, he's co-owner of the resort and the person who had the relationship with our principal banking entity.

And, you know, I do not recall ever a conversation with Mike Dupont about it is not appropriate for a member -- an owner or a member of the Board to control treasury functions of these entities. He's not controlling the -- or Ary was not controlling the functions. He may have been managing the relationship with Raymond James, but I was the signatory for the deposits and the payments. And, you know, I don't recall a conversation with Mike about that.

MR. JAMES: But were you also the signatory for the limited partnership accounts at Raymond James?

16 Raymond James?17 THE WITNESS: No, I was not.

18 MR. JAMES: Okay.

19 THE WITNESS: No. I was not.

MR. JAMES: He could be referring to --

THE WITNESS: He might be.

MR. JAMES: -- the discussions about

23 Raymond James statements?

24 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MR. JAMES: You have to say yes or no.

partner has important responsibilities for the operation of the limited partnership and the creation of the facilities that we promised to build in the agreement. The relationship between Raymond James, whether you do or don't have an authority is not an area that I have an opinion on.

I've expressed to you prior that Ary was the person who coordinated and facilitated the Raymond James relationships. And I trusted him and do so to this day to do it in the right way.

And my -- according to this email, which obviously, you know, was -- I don't recall all the details of it, is asking for more clarity in expressing some concerns and some of which may be correct and some of which may not be correct.

MR. JAMES: But the limited partnership agreement for the limited partnership Phase I and the limited partnership Phase II, don't those speak to the general partner being the entity that has control over the limit the partnership, and, therefore, the limit the partnership accounts? Doesn't it specifically say the general partner is the entity that has that authority?

THE WITNESS: It might very well state

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1 Sorry.
2 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

MR. JAMES: And then he links Hotel I and Hotel II in his -- what appears to be an excerpt from the Raymond James statements. He's talking about the limited partnership accounts at Raymond James, and what he seems to say is that he expressed to you that Mr. Quiros, as a member of the Board and owner of Jay Peak, shouldn't have treasury control over these limited partnership

THE WITNESS: I really don't have an opinion. My opinion -- I guess I should restate that. I feel that Mr. Quiros is an integral part of our organization, and, you know, he managed the funds' placement and maximization and utilization, and he did it in consort with me and our staff. I think what I'm reading here is, Mike wanted

accounts. Would you agree or disagree with that?

MR. JAMES: But doesn't the general partner, according to the limited partnership agreement, is the entity that actually controls the limited partnership, and, therefore, the limited partnership accounts at Raymond James?

THE WITNESS: I can say that the general

more -- I think wanted more clarity and detail.

that.

MR. JAMES: And earlier, you testified that you are the individual that, basically, functions as the general partner to these two limited partnerships?

THE WITNESS: Correct. MR. JAMES: Okay.

So according to what Mr. Dupont is saying here is that it probably should be you, or I think he also says or the Accounting Department that has control over these accounts, as opposed to Mr. Quiros, who's not a part of the general partner or the partnership itself?

THE WITNESS: That appears to be his opinion. I would personally disagree with that, his opinion, because I don't think he has the relationship with Raymond James that Mr. Quiros had.

And remember, go back to 2009 and the critical importance of a banking relationship at a high level and how critical was that to the day-to-day survival of a company, payroll, pay your bills, build your facilities. If you don't have a banking relationship, you're dead. And Mike Dupont did not have a relationship with any

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bank.

And so I'm a little emotional about this, because he's asking for something. He's entitled to ask for control, but he doesn't have the relationship with the bank. And I got to tell you, I lived through '08 and '09 wondering whether or not we'd make payroll, like a lot of companies were, because there weren't any banks out there that were welcoming you through the door. Raymond James was, because of Ary's relationship.

And I certainly was supportive of the fact that he had this relationship, and because of that relationship, we had a bank, and we could do our job, and we could do what we were supposed to do.

So, I mean, you can find, gee, you know, Mike's opinion was he wanted to have his name on the accounts. No, I would not agree with that, because he was not -- he had been with us for a few months. He was doing an adequate job as a CFO.

I will tell you, and I'll put it on the record, he's a depressive character. One day, he's up; the next day he's down. And it was widely known. And it was one of his issues. He

what were the investors in Phase I and Phase II told about as far as who had control of these accounts? Because if the limited partnership agreement, which they were provided, says the general partner will, but it turns out it's not actually the general partner, it's the owner of Jay Peak, were the investors told at any point after receiving the offering documents that actually, no, it's not the general partner, it's Ariel Quiros that controls these accounts?

THE WITNESS: No, there was no communications with them.

And we had thirty-five investors that put their funds into the Phase I project. Now, some of those funds went into the Raymond James account. Some of those funds might've been directly paid to the project. Because at -- you know, at the very, very beginning, we had started construction in -- when we took ownership, and some of the payments for some of the work probably came out of Chittenden Bank before we set up the accounts at Raymond James.

At the very beginning, there was -there was engineering work, architectural work,
permits, storm water, site preparation all done at

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had a depression problem.

And whether he got up that morning and was having a hissy fit and decided he was going to, you know, make an issue out of something, I don't know. I had a good relationship with him. I have a pretty damn good relationship with every employee that I have. And if they have a problem, I generally work around it. I generally find a way to keep them focused and -- and productive.

Some of what he wrote here, I don't agree with. And I certainly don't agree that Ary should not have had an impact and an important role in our relationship with Raymond James.

This is not an isolated situation. This is part of a very big picture. And every single week, CEOs and presidents and general managers of companies that were new, new companies in 2008, you're wondering how you're going to make your payroll. And -- and -- and it's very -- it's a very complex fiscal network of things. And I repeat for about the fifth time, I'm dainn glad he had that relationship.

MR. JAMES: Just one last question on this issue. So I understand your position, and I'm not here to disagree. But my question is: So

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the beginning of the project before -- actually, before the closing, but it was done in anticipation of that.

And then during the summer, I don't know what the date of the timing of the opening of the Phase I Raymond James account was, but I suspect there were substantial vendors paid prior to that. But that's just an accounting fact. We could determine that.

So you're -- back to your question of, did they know? No, they didn't. But my -- my feeling and responsibility is, you've invested into this project. We've agreed to build this building or better, and your funds, and frankly funds of Jay Peak and Mr. Quiros, went into that building, because we spent more than seventeen and a half million on that project.

And so some or all of the investors'
money might've gone through Raymond James, but I
suspect on Phase I, some of it didn't, because it
was already -- we had a stack of invoices. And we
had money in the People's -- or Chittenden Bank at
the time and some of it probably went to Raymond
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you know, we were far enough ahead in terms of 2 account set up, that it -- you know. I wouldn't 3 say all of it went through Raymond James, but in the very beginning, I suspect there were a few 5 million that might've gone to the early 6 construction stuff that we did. But that's -- I mean, that I could produce the ledger and the checks and the work done and the invoices for

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that. Okay?

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q Did Mr. Quiros ever tell you your name could not be put on any of the Raymond James accounts because he was the one with the relationship with Raymond James?

A No. No. No. I never was concerned about this, because I knew that the funds were being invested and placed in an account and we were building a project.

And if I look at Phase I, what was proposed in the offering document and what was built, Phase II, what was proposed and built, Phase III, IV, V, and VI, everything that we said we would build we did and more, and more.

24 And I know that this is important 25 detail, but I'm looking at it in the big picture, 2 And there might've been some unclarity 3 at the CFO level in the first year, but the money was invested. The bills were paid. The projects

we got it done. We got it done.

5 were built. The investor got what they invested 6 in and more. 7

I hope we'll have the opportunity to talk about that at some point, but that is -that's the bottom line, did they get what we said they would get? Did we build it right? Did we build it on time? Did we meet our obligations from an immigration standpoint and an investment standpoint? And I'll tell you, we sure did.

MR. JAMES: Just to wrap up on Exhibit No. 95, just if you're still on that same page, if you go down to where you have the three bullet points. Do you see those?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. JAMES: The first one says, "It is required that these Raymond James accounts only have signature authority by you as the President," referring to yourself, Mr. Stenger, "and the other officers of Hotel I and Hotel II," and then open paren, "not me," close paren, and that's Mr. Dupont speaking.

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and that is, did we give the investor what they asked for? Did we build and create for the investor what the offering documents stated? Did we do it in a timely way?

And bear in mind, my concern was multiple; build the project, do it within a time frame that we said we would do, because just as you might be asking the question, Brian, about, is the investor aware? Well, you know what the investors wanted? They wanted their visa, and they wanted to be assured that the job creation would occur within a short window. And that was the race we were in. Build the project, build at least as much, if not more, than what the offering said, and do it on time. Because if you don't do it on time, the developmental job creation and the operational job creation won't occur and the 829, which is the removal of conditions for the investor, won't occur. That is what the investor

And by me whipping the horse, which is the construction effort, and keep going, keep moving, keep building, keep on schedule even though the weather was screwing us and a lot of environmental permits were popping up in our face,

wanted clarity on and wanted assurance of.

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THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MR. JAMES: This is under the section titled, Actions Required. And, again, you just saw I read it and I think you followed along with

Do you remember Mr. Dupont having a discussion with you about suggesting or at least asking that you be the only signature on these Raymond James LP accounts because you're the President of the GP?

THE WITNESS: You know, I see it on the email. I don't recall it.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

Do you recall ever speaking to Mr. Quiros and requesting or at least suggesting that you be put as the signatory or at least added as a signatory to the Raymond James LP accounts? Do you recall having that discussion?

THE WITNESS: I don't recall that, Brian.

MR. JAMES: Any discussion or recollection about having some type of GP charter or resolution that gives or gave Mr. Quiros authority to act on behalf of the limited partnership and have signatory authority on these

Page 126 Page 128 1 accounts? 1 you recall signing or --2 2 THE WITNESS: I don't know if that THE WITNESS: I don't recall signing --3 3 exists or not to be honest with you. I don't recall -- you're using the term "loan 4 MR. JAMES: Any specific recollection, 4 money to Jay Peak, Inc." I'm trying to, you know, 5 5 distinguish the corporations and the functions. though? THE WITNESS: I have no recollection. 6 6 I'm on the ground running the place. I'm 7 MR. JAMES: Okay. Either way? 7 paying bills. I'm paying staff. I'm paying 8 THE WITNESS: No. No. I'm sorry. 8 contractors. I'm building things. And the funds 9 that come to pay the bills come from different I mean, you know, when you're -- just as 9 10 I said earlier about the Chittenden Bank master 10 sources. The funds to pay for the construction of 11 account for the escrow account, when we set up the 11 the partnership projects come from those accounts 12 accounts, you do your signatures, you set up the 12 and came almost always from Raymond James. 13 account, I don't think I ever signed a Raymond 13 Now, our operating Jay Peak, Inc. 14 James account. But you know if you produced one 14 payroll came from other places. Operating -- you 15 15 here for me, a form that was a Raymond James thing know, we have a fifty-one million dollar a year 16 and my signature was on it -- somewhere along the 16 operation now. So we have banking relationships 17 line -- and I'm not saying this exists. 17 with People's United for our operations 18 18 day-to-day. I'm just saying, I don't remember all 19 the details of everything that I might've signed. 19 Raymond James, in the beginning, was and 20 20 I've signed so many hundreds and hundreds, continues to be mostly focused on construction of 21 probably thousands of requests and documents over 21 the projects. And -- so, you know, I'm trying to tell you what I know and how it works on the 22 the course of the last six or eight years, 22 23 23 probably ten thousand checks and hundreds and ground. 24 24 hundreds of contracts. And, you know, I don't MR. JAMES: And when you say Raymond 25 recall every single one of them. You know, and I 25 James focuses on construction projects, you mean Page 127 Page 129 don't know the answer to that question. 1 the money that comes out of the Raymond James 1 2 MS. LAMA: Just one question. In terms 2 accounts --3 of the significance as you stated before, 3 THE WITNESS: To pay for the development 4 4 of the limited partnership projects I through VI. described before of the relationship with Raymond 5 5 MS. LAMA: So then just to make sure James, other than holding or -- holding the EB-5 6 investors' money in this Treasury bill investment 6 we're clear, to your understanding, were any --7 7 did Raymond James loan money to any of the limited function, were they lending money to Jay Peak or partnerships or any of the general partnerships was there any lending going on? 9 9 over the limited partners? THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't know 10 the -- to Jay Peak, Inc.? No. Remember, Jay Peak 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know the technical answer to that. I don't think so. I don't know 11 was owned by -- is owned by Q Resorts, and Q 11 12 of -- I don't know. I know you can probably ask 12 Resorts is owned by Ary Quiros. Ary Quiros has 13 13 that question of Mr. Quiros, and he'll be able to banking relationships with Raymond James. 14 14 We deposit money from Jay Peak in our give you a very precise answer. 15 investment projects into Raymond James. And he is 15 MR. JAMES: But you would expect to know 16 16 if the limited partnership accounts was borrowing the quarterback of the financial team. So, you 17 know, did Raymond James loan Jay Peak, Inc. money? 17 money from Raymond James? Would that be something 18 I don't think so. 18 you would expect to know? 19 19 THE WITNESS: I suspect. But remember, MS. LAMA: Okay. 20 Did Raymond James loan any of the EB-5 20 I'm building the project. I'm building the box. I 21 general partnerships or limited partnerships 21 have to pay for the building of the box. And 22 22 money? every month, I would put my requests for the 23 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't know 23 payment of the building of the box to Ary. And

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MR. JAMES: But as general partner, do

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supply the funds to pay for the construction of

Page 134 Page 136 1 transfer and that is my signature. And Debra 1 would be a correspondence from me to the bank. 2 Foerst-Bilodeau is someone we worked with at the 2 Now, whether it would be in a one-sentence letter 3 Chittenden. And --3 or -- as we got further into the projects, I think 4 MR. JAMES: Any chance it had anything 4 the Accounting Department set up a template, and 5 5 to do with the funding of the closing by Q Resorts this was early on, and so it was probably more 6 seeing that it's a week after the closing date? 6 personalized. 7 7 THE WITNESS: I don't know what it MR. JAMES: Okay. Okay. 8 8 would've been in regards to. I'd have to -- I'd And would these be retained by you or 9 have to review what was going on in Phase II at 9 your assistant in some organized fashion? 10 the time, if anything, in particular. I just 10 THE WITNESS: I'm sure that anything 11 don't -- I don't know. 11 like this that I signed is in the files. 12 MR. JAMES: Okay. 12 MR. JAMES: So your belief --13 13 THE WITNESS: No. And just as far as the universe of 14 possibilities you can contemplate at this point, 14 MR. JAMES: -- is that you would have 15 15 any that would involve you wiring Phase II monies all of the wire authorization --16 16 THE WITNESS: We would -- we would not. to Q Resorts, and not to Phase II Raymond James, 17 but Q Resorts Raymond James, anything that comes 17 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: You have to let him 18 to mind? 18 finish. 19 19 THE WITNESS: There's nothing that I can THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. By 5:30, I'll 20 recall. 20 get it right. 21 21 MR. JAMES: When it really counts. MR. JAMES: Okay. 22 22 And any recollection at all of wiring But it's your recollection is that would 23 23 money from Phase II People's Bank or Phase I have -- you'd expect to have copies of every wire 24 People's Bank or any of the projects to Q Resorts, 24 authorization signed by you to move money from one 25 any recollection of doing that? Any instance of 25 account at People's Bank to another account at Page 135 Page 137 1 1 those transfers being authorized? Raymond James? 2 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't. I mean, I'm 2 THE WITNESS: I believe that there's an 3 acknowledging that this is my signature and that's 3 authorization for everything that was done, and I 4 4 my stationery. And I'm assuming that the date signed them. 5 MR. JAMES: And, again, I think your 5 that somebody has written on this is a reflective 6 period of time, but I don't have any knowledge 6 testimony was that you get provided with the 7 7 that what the date of this was. request and what it's for, and then it's put in 8 8 front of you, and then you sign authorizing -- I'm I suspect if we were to check with the 9 wiring coordinates for the transfer, we could get 9 assuming if it's acceptable to you, you sign it, 10 10 quite precise about how close it is, but -- and and then the transaction is executed? 11 11 let's say for the sake of discussion, it's on or THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. 12 12 about the 1st of July, it must've been for some MR. JAMES: Yes or no, sir. 13 13 purpose. And, you know, I'm acknowledging that I THE WITNESS: Sorry. Yes. Yes. 14 was the one who initiated the wire, because, yeah, 14 MR. JAMES: And just going back to in or 15 that's my signature, but I don't recall the 15 around the closing, do you recall who would be the 16 16 purpose or the particular of what was -- what was person or would've been the person that would've 17 involved. 17 brought you something similar to Exhibit No. 96 18 18 MR. JAMES: Let me ask you a different asking you to authorize the movement of this 19 question, same exhibit. Is this, and by this, 19 money? I know Mr. Dupont came shortly after, so 20 20 would it be him or would it be someone else? referring to Exhibit No. 96, is this the typical 21 21 form that you would use to authorize money to be THE WITNESS: I'm trying to remember

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MR. JAMES: And that could be someone at

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1	THE WITNESS: At the bank.	1	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yeah. I have a
2	MR. JAMES: You never know.	2	that's my stamp.
3	THE WITNESS: Brian, I'm sorry. I	3	MR. JAMES: So you have a signature
4	don't I don't recall the instance of this, but	4	-
5	I certainly can verify that it's my signature, my	5	stamp? THE WITNESS: Yeah.
6	letterhead, and I'm initiating the transfer.	6	
7	(SEC Exhibit No. 97 was marked	7	MR. JAMES: Okay.
8	for identification.)	8	THE WITNESS: Now, do I use it very
9	BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:	9	often? No.
10	Q The court reporter has just marked as	10	MR. JAMES: Okay.
11	Exhibit No. 97 a one-page document. You'll see at	11	THE WITNESS: But I had one.
12		12	MR. JAMES: Why have a stamp if you're
13	the top it says, April 20th, 2014. It has the	l	not going to use it?
	time. It says GSI Dade County. It appears to be	13	THE WITNESS: Well, yeah, you know. But
14 15	dated a one-page letter, dated November 16th,	14 15	that was the signature. I was probably in a
16	2011 to Raymond James and Ariel Quiros from Mr.	l	hurry.
17	Stenger regarding authorization for Mr. Quiros to have custody of funds held by the Stateside	16	MR. JAMES: So when it's William
	•	17	Stenger, you sign one way, and then when it's Bill
18 19	project.	18	Stenger, you use a stamp?
	Do you recognize this document?	19	THE WITNESS: That's correct no. No.
20 21	A I do. I recognize my signature.	20	No. When I sign William J. Stenger, I sign it one
22	MR. JAMES: Say that again. Sorry.	21	way, and if it's Bill Stenger, I sign it another.
	THE WITNESS: I recognize my signature.	22	MR. JAMES: Oh, okay. Okay. I got you.
23	MR. JAMES: Okay. Tell us about this	23	THE WITNESS: And I'm telling you that
24	document.	24	on rare occasions, I might use a stamp.
25	THE WITNESS: Well, it's it's	25	MR. JAMES: Okay.
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1	giving as I said earlier in my comments this	1	And the stamp signature is different
2	morning, it's giving Ariel the opportunity and	2	than the Bill Stenger signature?
3	responsibility to quarterback the funds for our	3	THE WITNESS: Well, you know if I
4	project, and that's what it directed.	4	wrote my name Bill Stenger ten times, they would
5	MR. JAMES: And you recall actually	5	all approximate one another. And if I wrote with
6	signing this document, or are you saying you	6	my William J. Stenger signature, it would all
7	recognize	7	approximate the same.
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8	THE WITNESS: I recognize my signature,	8	And as I know many of us at times do
9	and it's dated back in November of '11. That is	9	And as I know many of us at times do when we're asked to sign things, we'll sign them
9 10	and it's dated back in November of '11. That is my signature, and it is my letterhead.	9 10	And as I know many of us at times do when we're asked to sign things, we'll sign them quickly, and we'll keep going. And that's what
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Page 146 Page 148 1 of either seeing or being made aware of any credit 1 today? 2 agreements or other documents between Raymond 2 THE WITNESS: Correct. 3 3 James and any of the limited partnerships? MR. JAMES: Okay. THE WITNESS: Credit agreements? 4 4 And what's the date on that agreement? 5 5 THE WITNESS: 18th day of June 2008. MR. JAMES: Yeah. Documents which, 6 basically, evidence that the limited partnerships 6 MR. JAMES: Okay. So according to this 7 7 may be or will be indebted to Raymond James either agreement, the Phase I limited partnership entered 8 8 for a margin loan or some other line of credit into this credit agreement with Raymond James and 9 being extended to the limit the partnership. 9 this occurred on June 18th, 2008? 10 10 THE WITNESS: No. THE WITNESS: That's what it says. 11 MR. JAMES: So you've never seen a 11 MR. JAMES: And do you recall that 12 12 that's in and around the time of the closing of Q credit agreement or been told by Mr. Quiros that 13 the partnerships had entered into --13 Resorts acquisition of Jay Peak, Inc? 14 THE WITNESS: No. 14 THE WITNESS: Correct. 15 MR. JAMES: -- credit agreements with 15 MR. JAMES: Okay. Raymond James? 16 16 And no recollection as to the limited 17 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge. 17 partnership being extended credit by Raymond James 18 MR. JAMES: What about conversations 18 in and around that time? THE WITNESS: The first time I've seen 19 19 with any of either your current CFO or any of the 20 are individuals in your Accounting Department, any 20 this document. And the answer is no. 21 21 information to suggest that any of the limited MR. JAMES: Okay. Do you -- as you sit 22 partnerships are indebted or could be indebted to 22 here today, do you know the actual account number 23 23 Raymond James? for the limit partnership account at Raymond 24 24 James? THE WITNESS: No, not that I know of. 25 MR. JAMES: Let me show you what has 25 THE WITNESS: I do not. Page 147 Page 149 1 been previously marked as Exhibit No. 7. I 1 MR. JAMES: Okay. 2 apologize. I don't have a copy. But take a look 2 So, for example, if you go down to 3 at that document, and let me know once you've had 3 paragraph number three, and, again, I'm just going 4 4 a chance to look it over. from memory. Do you see, it's probably 5 5 THE WITNESS: I've read it. mid-paragraph, there's a series of numbers? 6 MR. JAMES: Have you seen that document 6 THE WITNESS: There are two numbers. 7 7 before? MR. JAMES: Two numbers. 8 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't believe 8 Do you recognize either one of those to 9 I have. 9 be the limited partnership account for Phase I 10 10 MR. JAMES: And then I'm speaking from Raymond James? 11 memory somewhat. The top of that document, is the 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know the numbers 12 title Credit Agreement, or is there a title at the 12 by heart, and I don't know if they are or not, but 13 top? 13 they could be. 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. 14 MR. JAMES: Okay. 15 15 MR. JAMES: And it says Credit And the second number, do you recognize 16 Agreement? 16 that? 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. 17 THE WITNESS: I don't recognize the 18 MR. JAMES: Okay. I think the first 18 number. It's a seven-digit number. It could be, 19 sentence simply says that this credit agreement --19 you know, whatever it is. 20 and it gives a date. And it says it's made 20 MR. JAMES: Okay. 21 21 And if you go down to paragraph four, between -- or made by what entity? 22 THE WITNESS: Made by Jay Peak Hotel 22 which seems to talk about the actual collateral 23 Suites, LP. 23 that's going to support this extension of credit 24 MR. JAMES: Okay. And that's the LP I 24 by Raymond James, do you see those same two 25 25 Phase I partnership we've been talking about account numbers in paragraph four?

Page 150 Page 152 1 THE WITNESS: 1 do. 1 And then page three is a photo collage 2 MR. JAMES: Okay. And, again, you don't 2 of the Tram Haus Lodge facility. 3 3 recognize those numbers to be LP I, LP II MR. JAMES: Is that Phase I? 4 4 accounts? THE WITNESS: Phase I. And it is a 5 THE WITNESS: I don't. 5 reflection of the Phase I from the mountain side 6 MR. JAMES: Okay. 6 of the resort. It's done in the -- it has a photo 7 Nor do you recognize this document as 7 of the spring -- or the summer, as well as the 8 you sit here today? 8 winter. It also shows one of the facilities in 9 THE WITNESS: No. 9 the hotel spa and a restaurant. 10 MR. JAMES: Okay. 10 The next page shows the mountain view 11 And, again, you have no knowledge or 11 side of the Hotel Jay, Penthouse Suites, water 12 information about the LP accounts being extended 12 park, and subset photos of the conference center, 13 credit whether in the form of margin loan or some 13 and one of the suites in the hotel. 14 other extension by Raymond James? 14 MR. JAMES: This is Phase II? 15 THE WITNESS: I do not. 15 THE WITNESS: Phase II. 16 16 MR. JAMES: So if I were to show you all The other -- the next photo shows the 17 the credit agreements where Jay Peak, Inc. is the 17 valley side entrance of the Hotel Jay, lobby, and 18 18 entity that's being extended the credit, would library. 19 19 that be something you would be familiar with? The photo after that shows the ice 20 THE WITNESS: Brian, I -- you know, 20 arena, both exterior and interior. 21 21 there's, as I said this morning, so many documents The next photo shows the golf clubhouse 22 22 that I may have seen or not seen. This, I don't with its various suites in the top. It shows its 23 23 recall seeing. restaurant, and it also shows the cross country 24 You're asking me to respond to a very 24 trail network that it goes by it in the winter 25 broad statement about all the partnerships, and 25 time. Page 151 Page 153 1 you're asking me, do I remember and do I know that 1 The next photo is a picture of the tenth 2 there's an agreement between each one? I don't 2 fairway of the golf course, but in the background 3 know. 3 is the Phase I Tram Haus Lodge project on the 4 MR. JAMES: Okay. But you have not seen 4 right with the Phase II Hotel Jay, Penthouse 5 a credit agreement in relation to any of the 5 Suites, ice arena, and covered parking garage on 6 limited partnership accounts? 6 the left-hand side of that photo. 7 7 THE WITNESS: I have not, no. No. The next photo --8 Do you want this back? R MR. JAMES: Before you move on --9 MR. JAMES: Actually, let me take it 9 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. 10 10 back just because we don't have it. I can give it MR. JAMES: -- what is this structure in 11 back to you if you need to refer to it. 11 between the Tram Haus Lodge and Hotel Jay? What 12 (SEC Exhibit No. 98 was marked 12 is that? 13 13 for identification.) THE WITNESS: That is the aerial Tram 14 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 14 building and cafeteria area. There's also the 15 15 Q The court reporter has marked as Exhibit Austria Haus, which is in the center, which has an 16 16 No. 98 a multi-page document that you provided to event room and also a facility called The 17 us right before we went to lunch, and let me show 17 Provisions General Store. 18 this to you. Can you tell me what this is? 18 The Tram itself was constructed in 1965. 19 A It is a series of representations that 19 '66, and '67. And that's the forward building in 20 point out where the state of Vermont is in 20 that particular complex. 21 21 relationship to the rest of United States. MR. JAMES: Okay. So as far as what the 22 22 Page two shows where Vermont is in limited partners own in this picture we're looking 23 relationship to the other New England states and 23 at now, it would be Hotel Jay? 24 24 points out where, within the state of Vermont, the THE WITNESS: They would own -- if I can 25 Jay Peak community is located. 25 direct you to the right.

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1	MR. JAMES: Okay.	1	eastern Canada and in northern New England. And
2	THE WITNESS: They would own they own	I	as I said, it welcomes so we welcome almost
3	the fifty-seven suites in the Tram Haus Lodge.	3	four hundred thousand visitors a year to this
4	They own the hundred and twenty suites in the	4	facility. And it's an enormous success and very
5	Hotel Jay, the fifty-five actually, fifty-six	5	important in bringing people to stay in the
6	suites in the Penthouse Lodge. They also own the	6	resort.
7	ice arena and the parking garage.	7	
8		8	And we have multiple hotels and places of accommodation. And this is one of the drivers.
9	MR. JAMES: Exactly which one is the	9	
10	parking garage? Is that in relation to	-	Skiing is a driver. Water park's a driver.
	THE WITNESS: It's just above the ice	10	Conferences, weddings, golf, hockey, all drivers
11 12	arena.	11 12	of accommodations. And this is a family
13	MR. JAMES: Okay.	1	MR. JAMES: And the water park is part
	So the two furthest to the left?	13	of Phase II?
14	THE WITNESS: Correct.	14	THE WITNESS: Correct.
15	MR. JAMES: And what's that when you	15	And then the Stateside Baselodge and
16	come forward in the foreground, what's that?	16	Hotel. And then the reddish barn area is the
17	THE WITNESS: There?	17	Mountain Adventure Center. And to the left is one
18	MR. JAMES: Yes. What's that?	18	of the lifts that services the hotel, as well as
19	THE WITNESS: Those are our	19	the Mountain Adventure Center. And then that's
20	administrative offices.	20	MS. LAMA: Is the Mountain Adventure
21	MR. JAMES: Okay.	21	Center sometimes referred to as the Mountain
22	THE WITNESS: They're trailers.	22	Learning Center?
23	MR. JAMES: That Jay Peak owns. Okay.	23	THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
24	Is that where your office is?	24	And this is a view from both directions.
25	THE WITNESS: It's where my office is.	25	And then the last pic is the elevation
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1	MR. JAMES: Okay.	1	drawing for the bio-science facility in Newport.
2	In this photo, we do not see Golf and	2	MR. JAMES: So the lower left-hand
3	Mountain Suites? We don't see Townhouse?	3	corner, what's being depicted in that photo?
4	THE WITNESS: I can get photos of those	4	THE WITNESS: That was an original
5	for you.	5	schematic, but we have a new
6	MR. JAMES: They're not in these photo	6	MR. GORDON: He said the lower left
7	now	7	
8			corner.
	THE WITNESS: No. No.	8	
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Page 158 Page 160 1 MR. JAMES: So has anything been put out 1 that we acquired that parcel, we've done --2 2 for bid as of yet or constructed? there's been utility improvements, IT 3 THE WITNESS: We've done some bid work 3 improvements. We have also gotten that particular 4 preliminary. We've done some site work. We have 4 facility designated as a free-trade zone, and it 5 5 done some demolition of the existing building. is the only free-trade zone in northern Vermont. MR. JAMES: When you say we? 6 MR. JAMES: Okay. So this building is 6 7 7 no longer --THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, our -- I'm 8 8 THE WITNESS: No. Some of them. part of team that's putting this together. 9 The interior of this quadrant has been 9 MR. JAMES: Yeah. But Jay Peak or the 10 10 demolished, and we will take down the exterior limited partnership? When you say we, is it the 11 hopefully within about another month. 11 limited partnership has done all this or Jay Peak 12 MR. JAMES: So the portion that appears 12 or GSI has done all of this before selling it to 13 to be covered with a gray surface --13 the limited partnership? 14 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. THE WITNESS: I'm trying to get my 15 15 MR. JAMES: -- the interior of that has terminology correct here. Jay Peak Biomedical 16 been demolished? 16 Research Facility is quarterbacking the creation 17 THE WITNESS: Correct. 17 of this project. And I interacted with our state 18 18 MR. JAMES: Okay. officials and our federal officials to get this 19 19 And then when was that done? Do you -designated as a free-trade zone. And I'm -- I'm part of that initiative. 20 THE WITNESS: Within the last six weeks. 20 21 MR. JAMES: Okay. 21 MR. JAMES: Okay. 22 And then the next phase is to demolish 22 So the -- I guess my question is: So 23 23 the exterior? then you referenced the improvements or 24 24 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And begin enhancements to the value. I'm not sure exactly 25 construction, I hope, by late summer. 25 what synonym you used. But my question is: The Page 159 Page 161 1 1 MR. JAMES: Okay. events that have caused, according to your And what are you going to do with the 2 2 testimony, this parcel to improve in value, were 3 remainder of the building? 3 those events, whether expenses or the designation, 4 4 THE WITNESS: That building will be were those done by the Jay Peak Biomedical 5 5 available for assembly and distribution of Research Park Limited Partnership or were those 6 products and services, or it may also be available 6 done by GSI of Dade County or Q Resorts or Jay 7 7 for leasing out to a third party, if we so wish. Peak, Inc., if there's even a distinction for the 8 MR. JAMES: Okay. 8 appropriate designation? 9 9 But that would be part of what the AnC THE WITNESS: You know, I'm embarrassed 10 Bio investors would own? 10 to tell you I'm not sure which hat I was wearing 11 11 at the time that I worked with the state and THE WITNESS: Well, at this point, the 12 12 federal folks on it. investors will own this research facility and the 13 13 parking around it. That's principally what We are involved in trying to develop 14 14 they'll own. economic initiatives in our region. This is one 15 15 MR. JAMES: Okay. of them. We've got a few others. And we're 16 16 And what about the land? trying to improve the economy in northern Vermont. 17 THE WITNESS: They own a parcel of land 17 And this is -- you know, when you're looking at 18 immediately under the building and initially 18 job creation, and going back to my master plan at 19 around it. I don't have the specific acreage, but 19 Jay Peak, those are largely hospitality-driven 20 I think it's five -- five acres or thereabouts. 20 jobs. 21 21 MR. JAMES: Is that the portion that was In looking at economic development, 22 22 sold to the limited partnership from GSI of Dade having the opportunity to have hospitality jobs, 23 County? 23 which is part of travel, in a bioscience facility 24 24 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yeah. It's the most that can have a multiplicity of permanent 25 25 valuable spot on the property. Since the time year-round high-tech jobs of different sorts is a

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huge economic benefit.

So what we have been doing is trying to broaden the spectrum of the economic livelihood of that community. I've lived there for thirty years in Newport. And so we look at this as a really important cornerstone because it provides diversity of jobs, higher incomes on average, and it's year-round. And it's something that doesn't currently exist in the community, so it will be a net importer of economic energy.

So I'm involved in it. Ary Quiros is involved in it. Bill Kelly is involved in it. We have some very talented science, scientific people involved in it, Harvard-educated Ph.D.s in bioscience leading the effort. And it's a great project.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

Miss Fuchs is going to ask you some more questions about those particulars, but I just want to focus for a quick second on the resale of that parcel to the limited partnership. So I understand that GSI purchased the entire twenty-six acres and then resold it to the limited partnership, the six to seven acres that's underneath the building?

THE WITNESS: Commitment on behalf of the State to bring a very high quality IT line to the site. This facility requires enormous -- relatively speaking, enormous IT capacity beyond which is there now. But we have a new high speed and high capacity IT line coming to the site and that has enhanced the value substantially.

We'll be putting in -- getting a new water line and sewer line to the site, which is committed to by the community. But you've got IT, sewer, water, free-trade zone, and this happens to be the most beneficial and valuable part of the twenty-six acres.

MR. JAMES: Why is that? Because it's cleared --

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. JAMES: -- or was that done by -THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's cleared. It's
the high point of the twenty-six acres. It has
the best views of the lake in the background;
although, that's not necessarily relevant to
the -- but it -- you know, it is the best. If I
were to say out of the twenty-six acres, give me
the six best acres, it would be those.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

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THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

MR. JAMES: Sorry. You have to say yes or no.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. JAMES: So my question is: Were you involved in that resale, the resale of that seven acres to the Jay Peak Biomedical Research Limited Partnership? Were you involved in that?

THE WITNESS: I was aware of it. You know, the particular creation of the documents and the plot lines and so forth, I was aware that it was taking place and understand it. And understand that between the time we bought it or it was purchased and transferred, that substantial improvements were made.

MR. JAMES: That was going to be my question. Can you tell me about those?

THE WITNESS: Well, the free-trade zone designation is enormous.

MR. JAMES: Okay. So that happened before it was resold to the limited partnership?

THE WITNESS: It happened -- it happened before the -- it was sold, yes.

MR. JAMES: What else? What other improvements?

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Do you know whether or not an appraisal was done in connection with valuing that piece of --

THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't believe there was, because they're wouldn't be anything comparable.

MR. JAMES: That was going to be my question.

THE WITNESS: No, there's no comparable to this. This is a unique thing, a really unique thing.

MS. LAMA: How was the value assigned? THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to that.

MS. LAMA: Who was involved in assigning a value?

THE WITNESS: I'm not sure who in our team assigned a value on it.

MR. JAMES: Do you know who represented the limited partnership in the purchase sale transaction?

THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I'm not sure who represented us, meaning the limited partnership, because I'm part of that. I know that Mark Scribner and I believe Bill Kelly were

Page 166 Page 168 THE WITNESS: Well, I -- that's where I 1 involved in the transfer or the sale of --1 2 MR. JAMES: On behalf of GSI or on 2 have to catch myself here a little bit, because 3 behalf of the limited partnership? 3 I'm involved in the formulation of this. 4 THE WITNESS: Brian, I'm sorry. I don't 4 The limited partners of this project are 5 know the particulars of that. I could certainly 5 going to own the building, and they're going to 6 get that information for you. 6 own, you know, what transpires there. And the 7 7 MR. JAMES: Do you have any recollection benefit of this building's quality and 8 or do you recall receiving power of attorney from 8 characteristics are -- they're enhanced by the 9 Mr. Quiros for you to be the signer on behalf of 9 utilities that come to it, whether it's sewer, 10 GSI of Dade County in connection with that? 10 water, or IT. 11 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. No, I 11 MR. JAMES: And just while Ms. Sindler 12 12 don't. is getting the exhibits in order, going back to 13 MR. JAMES: Okay. 13 Exhibit No. 98, you may have said this, but these Any recollection as far as you being on 14 14 are present pictures? These are pictures taken 15 the GSI Dade County seller side also being the 15 when? How recent are they? 16 representative for the limited partnership as the 16 THE WITNESS: Within the last probably 17 general partner on the buyer's side? Do you 17 twelve months. 18 recall that? 18 MR. JAMES: Okay. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't recall being on 19 So this is the state of these different 20 20 both sides of that. I'm trying to coordinate the projects as recent as the last --THE WITNESS: These are contemporary. 21 creation of this facility. Yeah. 21 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 22 22 This -- this was open on December 20th of this 23 Q Do you know what the cost of the 23 past year. 24 improvements that you just described to the land, 24 MR. JAMES: Okay. And by this, are you 25 25 do you know what the cost came to? referring to --Page 169 Page 167 1 The cost or the value? 1 THE WITNESS: Stateside Hotel. 2 The cost of the improvements made. 2 MR. JAMES: Okay. 3 A I don't -- I'd have to do a breakdown of 3 THE WITNESS: The water park was opened 4 the sewer, water, and IT from the physical side. 4 November 2011. Hotel Jay opened same time. 5 And then there's the free-trade zone value, which, 5 MR. JAMES: So these are pictures --6 6 you know, we believe is very substantial. THE WITNESS: These are --7 7 I don't know how you assign the value of MR. JAMES: -- at each particular 8 that since there isn't one in northern Vermont. 8 project's point in time at completion, or were 9 But there is a very detailed explanation available 9 these taken the same day each project or around 10 10 for what the value is of that and why it has high, the same time? 11 high value. 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know the date of 12 MS. LAMA: And I think we may have asked 12 the photo being taken. I can tell you that they 13 before, and I apologize if we did, but who paid 13 are absolutely representative of the finished 14 for those improvements? 14 product of each, and I'm only sorry I didn't bring 15 THE WITNESS: Those -- the IT benefit is 15 the Golf and Mountain and Lodge and Townhouse. I 16 coming from the State. The water line will be put 16 can get them for you, and they are every bit as 17 17 in by us, by the project. And the sewer line is attractive as this. 18 18 being done by the community. But they're doing it MR. JAMES: Can we? Can we request? 19 because of this project. I mean, the fact that 19 THE WITNESS: I sure can. I sure can. 20 there's a substantial enhancement of value of this 20 MS. LAMA: And what you just described 21 site by having the utilities upgraded very 21 as the projects in their completed state, that 22 substantially and the free-trade zone being 22 would be, of course, except for AnC Bio, which is 23 established. 23 a conceptual design on the last page? 24 MS. LAMA: And a moment ago you said us. 24 THE WITNESS: Michelle, that's 25 Who is the us? 25 correct.

Page 174 Page 176 you have land value, you have construction, you 1 (SEC Exhibit No. 101 was 2 2 have technology-related value. I mean, marked for identification.) 3 3 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: it's a pretty all encompassing, you know, 4 budgetary approach, and the land value is one 4 Q The court reporter's just marked as 5 element of it. 5 Exhibit No. 101 a two-page document. It appears 6 Q But who made the determination that it 6 to be a power of attorney for real estate 7 7 would be a six million dollar figure? transactions only. Do you recognize this 8 8 A I'm not sure who picked that number. document? And it appears to be dated 9 O Did you? Did you? 9 September 14th, 2011 and signed by Ariel Quiros. 10 10 Α I didn't pick it, no. A Okay. I've read it. 11 Q Would it have been -11 MR. JAMES: Have you seen Exhibit No. 12 12 A It might've been a combination of -- of 101 before? 13 a -- you know, I'm speculating. I'm speculating. 13 THE WITNESS: Well, since I signed the 14 I don't know who precisely picked that. I know 14 document and that is my signature, I would say, 15 15 the budget was put together for the project, and yes, I've seen it. 16 it had different elements to it. 16 MR. JAMES: Okay. 17 And the land value, yeah, the land --17 And earlier I had asked you about being 18 18 there was definitely an increase from the purchase given power of attorney by Mr. Quiros to represent 19 19 initially to the sale, but there was also -- it GSI in the acquisition of this property from the 20 was going from an old clothing manufacturing 20 Bogners. Do you remember --21 facility that had laid empty to what was going to 21 THE WITNESS: No. From Fred Oeschger 22 be a new state-of-the-art world-class bioscience 22 and Mary Ann and Jim Mulkin. 23 23 facility that had very high quality utilities and MR. JAMES: Yes. Yes. The Bogners are 24 24 a designation of a free-trade zone that's located the sellers? 25 two miles from the Canadian border and ninety 25 THE WITNESS: The sellers, yeah. Page 177 Page 175 1 1 minutes from Montreal. MR. JAMES: Okay. 2 One of the things that is important to 2 So does this appear to be the document 3 value here is that we are -- Newport, Vermont is 3 that gave you the authority to act on behalf of 4 4 located literally on the border of Canada and GSI --5 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I think -- I -- I'm 5 ninety minutes from Montreal, which is the largest 6 bioscience city in Canada, and three and a half 6 sorry. I apologize. 7 7 hours from Boston, which is the largest bioscience MR. JAMES: -- in connection with GSI's 8 city in the United States. purchases of that property, not its resale to the 9 9 And we have this campus and this new limited partnership, but its purchase? 10 10 THE WITNESS: 1 remember the closing. It facility with a designated free-trade zone, and 11 11 the only one in Vermont. And it has, we feel, was held in Robert Chmielewski's office in 12 12 great commercial value. And also has a technology Newport, Vermont. I found this parcel of land and 13 13 component coming, from an IT standpoint, to the building. I know these people. 14 14 site that makes it world class. Newport, Vermont is a city of five 15 Q GSI Dade County, is that Mr. Quiros's 15 thousand people. And Fred Oeschger and Jim Mulkin 16 16 company? are business people in the community. They bought 17 A Yes. 17 the Bogner facility from the Bogner of North 18 Q So can you think of anyone, other than 18 America Company. 19 19 Mr. Quiros, who would've come up with that six I was looking for, on behalf this 20 million dollar figure? 20 project, a site for the AnC Bio initiative. 21 21 A I don't know who else might've. It Brought the parties together, made an offer. They 22 might've been a combination of him and Ike Lee, 22 accepted, ultimately, after a lot of negotiations, 23 who is the CEO of AnC Bio Vermont, or Bill Kelly, 23 the offer. 24 or, you know, it might've been a combination of 24 And at the time of the closing, Ary was 25 folks. 25 not able to personally be there. I live in

Newport and work at Jay Peak, and I'm -- so it was convenient for me and him to have me represent him at the closing, and that's what I did.

MR. JAMES: At that time, was it already contemplated that the property would then be resold to the limited partnership, as you stated that you were looking for a site for the AnC Bio project?

THE WITNESS: When we were looking at the site, we had a vision of bringing a technology company to that site, this project. At the time we purchased it, we weren't sure what if -- what else we might do. But after we purchased it and we began to formulate the specific plans for the AnC Bio Vermont facility, we called, asked around the idea of creating the specific site that represents the seven some acres that you described a minute ago and the actual building that the design was shared a moment ago.

At the time of the closing, we did not have a precise final idea of what might happen and how many acres would be carved out, if any, and what would the ultimate configuration he. It was -- it was -- there were not a lot of sites in the city of Newport that were big enough and --

products and devices that we have acquired technology rights to, some heart lung machine, some -- a portable dialysis equipment, a host of different types of products. The stem cell technology is the second line of business, and that is largely focused around the creation of tissue-related products that can be helpful in surgeries, burn situations, cardiac regeneration, bone regeneration as a whole product line.

Thirdly, the clean rooms, we will have, approximately, fifty clean rooms within the facility. And a clean room is a facility that can be anywhere from the size of a room like this to something that could be considerably bigger. And it is an absolutely pure, clean environment in which a company, a college or university can do research. The facility will be built to FDA Class I standards with FDA Class I approval consideration -- not consideration, but assurance. And we believe and know from our technology partners and resources that there is a pronounced shortage of clean rooms in, not only the United States, but worldwide.

Bioscience is the fastest growing industry in the world. And the market for the

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and that would bring with that the kind of community support that this site brought.

So we -- another thing that we -- although we haven't negotiated it yet, we have every belief that the site will benefit substantially from tax credits and tax considerations at the local level because of the job creation that will take place. We don't have that officially from the City Counsel, but they have indicated that because there are so many jobs going to be created as a result of the project, that there may very well be some substantial tax considerations given to it.

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q With the AnC Bio project, can you tell us a little bit how it works with the manufacture of the products?

A I can tell you that there are three -three important components of what our
developmental vision is in this facility. One is
the assembly and distribution of medical devices.
Two is the development of stem cell related
products. And, third, the creation and operation
of clean rooms.

The first refers to products, medical

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products and services of the bioscience industry are some of the fastest growing markets in the world.

And there are companies of medium and small size that do not have affordable clean room technology access. They may have an opportunity to partner with an Merck or a Novo Novartis or a Pfizer, but their ability to do so and retain the ownership of their technology is remote. Merck is happy to take the science of various people and let them do their research in their facilities, but they do so with a cost such as ownership or maybe a substantial part of ownership.

The market niche we feel is definitely going to be responsive to this are colleges, universities, smaller companies that have technology and have ideas, but not necessarily affordable places in which to do the research. That is what we will also offer in addition to the manufacture and distribution of products, the stem cell line, and the clean room operations.

Q And the devices you just talked about and the stem cell and the clean rooms, that requires FDA approval; is that correct?

A Certainly, Yeah.

Page 182 Page 184 1 Okay. 1 A I was reaching out to her as someone who 0 2 Now, may I finish? 2 could give us some guidance. 3 3 Okay. Q And this was back in June --4 I'm sorry. I wanted to make the point 4 This was back in June when I was 5 5 that the clean rooms will be built to FDA actually down in the Washington, DC area for a 6 specifications. And the architectural firm, NNE 6 conference. I was attempting to reach out to her 7 7 Pharmaplan, is designing the facility in a manner and get together with her to get some assistance. 8 8 that if built to their specifications, which are Q Okay. 9 FDA approved, the clean rooms will be FDA 9 A At the same time, I also reached out to 10 10 compliant. Senator Leahy's staff director to get some 11 The product -- we are about -- and I had 11 assistance from him in getting the -- you know, 12 the conversation last evening with Ike Lee, our 12 the items together that were necessary. 13 CEO, about the FDA protocol beginning on our first 13 She gave me some feedback. It was clear that -- and it was clear from Senator Leahy's 14 products, because we're about eighteen months away 14 15 from the opening of the facility, and we have to 15 staff that we would be advised to hire a third 16 get engaged right away with the FDA for the first 16 party to help us help shepherd some of this 17 product lines that we are intending to produce 17 through, especially the product side. 18 18 there. Because it will take -- it will take at So, you know, that's one of the things 19 19 least two years to get certain things through, and that, you know, I'm acknowledging to you, that we 20 it may take longer in some of the product lines. 20 have not gotten FDA approval on the products, and 21 Q You said to get certain things through, 21 it's going to take sometime to do it. And now 22 22 that we have a facility designed, and we have a what are you talking about? 23 23 A Well, you mentioned FDA approval. product mix that we are prioritizing, and we have 24 Q Yes. 24 I think some very highly competent people to help 25 Α That's what I'm referring to. 25 guide us through it, that we will be initiating Page 183 Page 185 1 1 anew the FDA aspect of this. Q Okay. 2 2 And Ike Lee, you said, is our CEO? But at this particular time, the clean 3 A Correct. 3 room program was not as significant a part of our 4 4 Of which entity? plan as it is today. And that, if we build the 5 Of AnC Bio Vermont. 5 facility to the FDA specifications that they 6 I can send you -- with the pictures, I 6 require, we will be approved. If we don't build 7 7 can send you his background and his information. it to the FDA specifications, there's every 8 8 Q Have you been in touch with the FDA? likelihood we won't be approved. 9 9 A I was in touch with the FDA probably a Q Approved for the clean rooms? 10 little over a year ago. 10 A For the clean rooms. 11 (SEC Exhibit No. 102 was 11 Not for the devices or any --12 marked for identification.) 12 That's correct. You know, each business 13 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 13 line that I described has its own particular 14 14 Q The court reporter has just marked as a 15 15 Composite Exhibit 102 emails between -- it appears Q And when you had just mentioned you were 16 16 to be between you and Aileen Velez Cabassa -advised to hire a third party, was that for the 17 A Uh-huh. 17 clean rooms you're talking about? 18 18 -- as DMSA at the FDA? A No. No. For the whole interaction with 19 19 A Right. FDA. 20 Q They're two separate emails, but they're 20 Q Okay. 21 21 both sent very close in time on June 2nd, 2010. And has that been done? 22 22 A We have -- we have our own executives. Do you recognize both these emails?

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A Ido.

Q Okay.

Can you tell me what they were about?

We have not hired a third party yet. But as I

said to you, last evening, I spoke with Ike about

the importance. Because they're meeting in North

Carolina right now to finalize the design, and

2 we're now at a point where we can take that final

- 3 design and actually show it to someone at FDA and
- say, this is what we're building. And if we cancertify that this building is, indeed, what comes

out, how do we propose to proceed with these otherthings.

Q So right now there's no FDA approval pending?

A No. No. But there's a strategy for each of the three business lines. And the clean rooms are a very important part of what we plan to do from a job creation standpoint and an operational standpoint. But, no.

So are there -- you know, this is -- this a copy of a communication that I had with the FDA. Yeah. It's back in 2010. I've been -- I've been involved with a few other things since 2010, and this has been one of them.

And one of the things that I would share with you is, I mentioned this economic initiative. We've got projects in various degrees of evolution. This project is now becoming a front burner project because the Jay Peak projects are nearing their completion. I mentioned earlier

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Senator Leahy's team about what they were
 recommending we do. They gave me some names and
 addresses of good firms that are in the business

4 of helping companies through FDA.

Now, since this time, we also have hired Ike Lee, who is eminently familiar with FDA protocol. Now, he won't quarterback it alone either, but he will be part of the team that will.

So I'm telling you the story of how and what, but, you know, this is -- this is what we -- what we did and -- also, if I were going to sit down with them, I would've needed to have a substantive design of the building, and I didn't have that.

Again, I listened to the advice I got in -- from the Leahy team. But we have also come a very long way since then in developing the business line, the building design, and the understanding of what we need to do to get it where it needs to go.

Q Who worked on the offering memorandum for AnC Bio?

A A team of people. Our attorneys, our bioscience leadership, Ike Lee, Dr. Jake Lee. You know, in Korea, there aren't an awful lot of last

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today that we're about the eighty-fifth percentile of all of our Jay Peak work. This is our next economic development initiative.

Q Was there ever a meeting with the FDA?

A A personal meeting? No. I spoke with her.

Q If you look at ANCBIO-004186, which is part of Exhibit 102, Ms. Velez Cabassa mentioned if you're interested in coming into the FDA to discuss your device, you could request to set up a meeting. Was there ever a meeting?

A There wasn't. And here's -- what I -- I mentioned Senator Leahy's people. At this particular time, when I was in Washington, I met with Senator Leahy's staff, and they have a person on the staff who specifically works with health-related issues and projects, whether it's a hospital or a bioscience facility.

They strongly recommended to me, the nice guy ski area operator from Vermont, Bill, don't try to quarterback this thing through the FDA yourself. And I listened to them.

So as much as she offered to meet with us -- and she was only the gatekeeper. She's not the approval person. And I learned more from

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names, believe it or not. There's lots of Dr.
Lees. We have two of them in the same company.

MR. JAMES: And they're out of North

Carolina or --

THE WITNESS: No. That's NNE Pharmaplan is the architect.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

THE WITNESS: They're out of New York and North Carolina and other cities. They're one of the largest bioscience architectural firms in the world.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

THE WITNESS: And Ike Lee is a Ph.D. bioscience doctor educated at Harvard. Jake Lee is a specialist in the TPLS pump device and other blood-related filtering systems. He is doing his research now on our behalf at the University of Vermont in Burlington. He did some of his graduate and Ph.D. work at the University of Wisconsin and University of Michigan. They were instrumental in the science part of the offering.

Mark Scribner, our corporate attorney, and Bill Kelly assisted in the formulation of some aspects of the business plan. But it was a collaborative effort.

Page 190 Page 192 1 MR. JAMES: What about yourself, what 1 THE WITNESS: I suspect he did. I 2 was your role? 2 suspect he did. But he has a longer term history 3 THE WITNESS: I participated in the 3 with the bioscience industry. 4 meetings. I know the community. I know the 4 MR. JAMES: How so? 5 academic community in Vermont. And I'm involved 5 THE WITNESS: Well, he has a history of 6 in helping facilitate the product -- the project 6 relationship with -- with bioscience. 7 7 MR. JAMES: I'm saying, can you --8 8 MR. JAMES: Did you make any edits or THE WITNESS: In Korea, AnC Bio Korea. 9 revisions to the offering documents before they 9 MR. JAMES: Okay. 10 were finalized? 10 THE WITNESS: Yeah. THE WITNESS: I'm not sure how many 11 11 MR. JAMES: So his relationship through 12 edits I might've made. I know that I read it, and 12 that company is what you're referring to as far as 13 I looked mostly at the business plan and various 13 his long history of --14 physical aspects of the building. But, you know, 14 THE WITNESS: That's right. 15 15 I'm first to say, I'm not a Ph.D. in bioscience, MR. JAMES: And do you know whether he 16 and Ike and Jake are. 16 improved the AnC Bio offering documents before And my biggest interest in the business 17 17 they were finalized? 18 18 plan is this important point, is there market THE WITNESS: I suspect he saw them 19 demand for the products and services? Because if 19 before they were finalized. Then we kind of 20 20 there is market demand for the products and coalesced around a set of documents that we felt 21 services, the business will be successful, the 21 were correct. 22 22 jobs will be created, and they'll be retained. And MR. JAMES: Okay. 23 23 it's the same philosophy at Jay Peak. Is there I think in the other project you 24 24 market demand for the product and service we're mentioned Mr. Hulme. Was he involved in the 25 offering? If there's not, we shouldn't do it. We 25 creation of the offering documents for the earlier Page 191 Page 193 should not do it. 1 1 projects? 2 In the case of AnC Bio, we believe that 2 THE WITNESS: He was involved with the 3 there is -- because of the diversity of the three 3 offering documents for the earlier projects, yeah. 4 different things we're doing, that there's market 4 MR. JAMES: But not for AnC Bio? 5 5 THE WITNESS: No. demand for all three. Some are going to take a 6 little longer to get to, but we'll get there. But 6 MR. JAMES: Okay. 7 7 there will be some immediate financial benefit Did he leave shortly before --8 8 THE WITNESS: We had a separation on because of the fact that there is a -- in the case 9 9 of clean rooms, there's a pronounced shortage of January, February of 2012. 10 clean rooms in North America. 10 MR. JAMES: Okay. So that's around the 11 MR. JAMES: But as to the actual 11 time he left? 12 offering memorandum itself, did you contribute to 12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's about the time 13 any of the language actually in the memo, the 13 that we separated the relationship. 14 14 MR. JAMES: And the AnC Bio, those offering memo? 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I did. I'm not 15 offering documents, when did that subscription 16 going to say I'm the author of it, but I reviewed 16 period begin? Is it prior to that separation? 17 it. You know, when we put something like this 17 THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I'd have to 18 together, we all look at it. We see if there's 18 took at the -- oh, I'm sure it was after that. I'd 19 19 anything that really doesn't feel right. have to look at the dates. 20 And most importantly in the case of the 20 MR. JAMES: Okay. 21 science part, it's really our scientific team that 21 Do you send out the offering documents 22 now that Mr. Hulme has left? So when an passes muster. I'm never going to try to claim 22 23 that I'm a bioscience specialist. 23 investor's interested in investing in AnC Bio, 24 MR. JAMES: What about Mr. Quiros, did 24 whether directly or through their immigration 25 25 he have any input on the documents for AnC Bio? counsel, do they contact you and then you send

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them an offering --

THE WITNESS: They must establish a relationship with us before we'll do anything. And the first step that we always go through is, someone will reach out to us, and they'll express an interest.

Then we will send them a business summary, but we'll also ask them to register their name, address, and, you know, their background -- not background, but where they're located from, and if they're actually requesting of us information.

We give them a very general overview and invite them to explore further if they want. If they then request an offering document and sample documents, the subscription agreement, we'll send them to them electronically, so they can review them. If they want to come to Vermont and see the project and visit and physically review it, we'd offer that to them as well.

MR. JAMES: And then when you say we, who actually sends this email attaching the offering documents?

THE WITNESS: One of my staff members. MR. JAMES: But with your authorization?

involved with our state in trying to create what we call a team economy, travel, education, agriculture, and manufacturing.

And you won't find this in a lot of places, but the folks that are involved in these initiatives, my staff at Jay Peak, Ary's belief in Vermont, our governor, our senators. We're a small state, six hundred thousand people. That's all we have in Vermont. We also have the poorest community in the state, our county.

So we're trying to create the team economy in our own little county. Travel, education, agriculture, and manufacturing. This is a great example of the education and the manufacturing part of the team economy.

So is it different than our ski area activity and our hospitality? Of course, it is. But I go back to that core point I made a minute ago, if there's market demand, there's no reason why it can't be successful. And so long as we build quality facilities, hire quality people, I believe we're going to be successful.

Now, the offering documents were created in consort with Mark Scribner. I'm sure if you were to talk to Mr. Hulme, and I suspect given

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THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yeah. But only within the context of what I just mentioned.

MR. JAMES: Again, Mr. Quiros, he's not involved in communications with potential investors?

THE WITNESS: No. I'm pretty much quarterbacking with the outreach for the various projects that we have and interact with the investors and welcome them to Vermont and show them what we've done, show them what we're planning to do.

And if there are any questions that they have that we cannot personally answer, we connect them with Ike or with Jake Lee, Dr. Lees, and try to give them whatever answers to questions they have. If they then choose to participate in the program, we can move forward. If they don't, they don't have to, obviously.

MR. JAMES: By its nature, has this product -- project produced a lot of questions about the actual concept and things of that nature?

THE WITNESS: Well, it's created questions because it's not our -- you know, we're known as a resort operation. But we also are very

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what I know about all this you have, he doesn't know the first thing about technology. And the documents, the offerings that you probably have seen, he played a role in helping create, but by no means the only role. Mark Scribner probably had the biggest role, and he's a very good hardworking attorney in Burlington, Vermont.

And this project is different. And its technology, it's in the industry that anyone around here — the University of Miami has a big bioscience facility there. It's high risk, high yield as an industry, as an industry. However, we feel that the clean room elements of this gives us that stability financially because it's going to be needed for a long, long time.

So we have learned a lot, but we've got a great team, and we've got great products. And we are bringing to Newport, Vermont something that you would never find in a city like Newport, Vermont. And some people would say, well, God, that will never work there. Well, why won't it work there? It's a great idea. It's great technology. And the only thing we're missing is the formulation of capital and the ability to get patient capital to help us build it. And that's

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1	what the EB-5 program is all about, finding	1	BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:
2	patient capital to help rural communities improve.	2	O Materials.
3	And that's what this program is about.	3	A Okay. Background materials regarding
4	I'm sorry. I'm sorry I'm emotional about it, but	4	northeast Canadian region and history of AnC
5	I sense a disbelief that it can happen there, and	5	Bio okay.
6	I don't buy it. I'm sorry.	6	Q And just if you know if that is correct
7	MR. GORDON: Want to take a break?	7	as to what everyone's different roles and
8	THE WITNESS: No.	8	responsibilities were?
9	MR. JAMES: Want to take a moment?	9	A Okay. I understand it.
10	THE WITNESS: No.	10	Q Does that look to be correct?
11	MR. JAMES: You're sure?	11	A Yeah. Well, I know all of those people
12	THE WITNESS: No.	12	and entities and recognize what they are providing
13	You know, I was looking at your mission	13	and helping with. There may be others. I mean, I
14	statement out here. It talks about the	14	don't see Ike Lee and Jake Lee referred to there,
15	facilitation of capital formation as one of your	15	but I do see that there's some reference to Korea
16	missions. That's what we're doing. In a rural	16	and where that's being referenced, it refers to
17	high unemployment area, we're creating jobs, and	17	the scientist.
18	we're facilitating the formation of capital to do	18	Q So is this correct as to everyone's
19	good work. And this is not easy, but nothing good	19	different roles and responsibilities?
20	is. But we're going to succeed. We're going to	20	A What I see here is correct. There may
21	succeed.	21	be some other people, but these designations are
22	(SEC Exhibit No. 103 was	22	accurate.
23	marked for identification.)	23	Q Okay.
24	BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:	24	And who had final approval over the
25	Q Mr. Stenger, the court reporter has	25	offering memo for AnC Bio Jay Peak Biomedical
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1	marked as Exhibit 103, it looks like an email	1	Research Park?
2	string from May 28th and May 29th regarding AnC	2	A I would say it was a combination of Mark
3	Bio Vermont business plan financials. And you	3	Scribner, Bill Kelly, and myself. And Ary was
4	were copied if you go to the bottom one, it's	4	aware of it, too, of course.
5	from Mr. Kelly to Mr. Gulisano copying Mr. Quiros	5	Q And he reviewed as well?
6	and yourself. And it talks about different roles	6	A I'm sure he did.
7	and responsibilities of various people in	7	Q Did he have to approve it?
8	connection with the AnC Bio and Jay Peak	8	A I think if any of the four of us had a
9	Biomedical Research Park offering materials.	9	problem with a particular element of it, we
10	Can you take a look at that and tell me	10	would've raised our hand, and we would've dealt
11	if that's an accurate description of the different	11	with it. There wasn't one final, you know,
12	responsibilities and roles of the various people	12	approval stamp, so to speak, but we all
13	in connection with the offering materials?	13	collaborated on it.
14	A Do you have a the bottom one where it	14	Q Okay.
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Were there any other versions?

A Since we -- no, there were not any other versions. But since the submission of our first 526 approval applications, we received two, what I call RFEs, request for additional evidence. And USCIS listed a series of questions. We answered those questions relatively quickly, resubmitted them to USCIS for their consideration.

True to form these days, it took them about six months to get back to us with any kind of reaction to what we sent them. They issued us another RFE about a month ago. We responded to those questions, and about two weeks ago, gave them a detailed answer.

In both RFEs, the questions were entirely appropriate and easy for us to answer. The data and information that they were requesting was readily available, and we immediately provided it for them. We are now waiting for them to respond to the second RFE.

And -- and so back to your question, has this been updated? When an investor decides they wish to go forward, we put together the 526 template, the application that goes into USCIS,

1 want anybody in this program that's not excited 2 about it. And we've had -- and I think you 3 probably are aware of this, we had a situation a 4 couple of months ago where we had an investor from 5 China that lied to me about why she wanted a 6 refund. She told me that her father was sick.

And she had been in our program for one year, a subscription agreement, escrow agreement. Her offering -- or her application was before USCIS. And she wrote to me and said, oh, my father is sick, I need the money for his operation, ya dah, ya dah, ya dah. I didn't have to give her a cent back, but I did. Within six weeks, I refunded her all of her money and her administration fee.

And then for some unexplainable reason, she went ballistic on us. And I think -- you know, she said she sent the information to the SEC. I'm assuming you got it.

And I'm hurt and annoyed that she lied to me, and then -- and then sent in -- in the environment over there, sent emails about how crooked we are and how this and how that. Disgraceful, Disgraceful, When we responded favorably and in a way that we didn't have to. I

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1 which is a reflection of the offering, and any 2 other information that can be considered 3 insightful to the project. 4

The new template that we would use and are using includes this, the first RFE and its answers, and the second RFE and its answers. And we've given them much more elaborate information on job creation, market demand for the products and services, technology questions that they had. And I feel we've given them a very robust and full, complete answer to everything.

So in the future, this is -- the offering is a step in the process of being in the project, but we would also provide an investor with the RFE and the answers to the RFE as a way to better understand the whole dynamic of the program, because it's a better, you know, ultimate product.

MR. JAMES: So you're saying that if you had a potential investor that contacted you today, then you would give them -- in the addition to the offering materials you would traditionally give, you would also give them the RFE and your response to the RFE?

THE WITNESS: Yes, absolutely. I don't

was not obligated to refund her her money, but I

And I also wound up refunding four other of her friends, who, as soon as she got her money back, jumped on the bandwagon.

So I bring that up because I can't believe you don't know about it.

MR. JAMES: Has there been any 526 approvals for the AnC Bio project?

THE WITNESS: No, not yet. They're pending. There's probably seventy that are pending.

> MR. JAMES: Seventy, 7-0? THE WITNESS: In that neighborhood. MR. JAMES: Okay.

And the ones that you referenced with the RFE request for additional information, whatever the acronym is, those are -- has that occurred for all seventy or just one?

THE WITNESS: No. There are probably -the RFE has been -- the second one has been received by probably a dozen or so, but they're all going to get it. That's the way it works, and I don't mind that.

MR. JAMES: Because they're relying on

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the same information --

THE WITNESS: I don't mind a bit that they're asking questions.

One of the things, Brian, I told you a few minute ago rather emotionally about what we're trying to do. And the formulation and access of patient money to do things, whether it's Jay Peak or AnC or an airport project we might have in the future or another thing in downtown Newport, this EB-5 world is incredibly competitive right now.

When we started there were thirty regional center projects in the country. There are now close to five hundred. And China is this wild, wild west of a place where there's so much competition going on.

I believe, and I don't know this for a fact, but I believe that a competitive regional center really, really went after us, because the questions that this young lady asked, she didn't come up with them on her own. And her attorney has so much as told me that other people had put her up to it, but nonetheless.

MR. JAMES: Before I let Trisha continue, can you just give me a quick sense of the RFE? What exactly were the information --

two and a half to three weeks to bring all the information together, organize it correctly, and resubmit it to the attorneys who had received the RFE on behalf of their client. And then we -- we provided that information to each attorney.

MR. JAMES: Okav.

THE WITNESS: I know that within the last ten business days that a resubmission has been received by USCIS on behalf of one of the investors. So it is now officially in front of USCIS again.

MR. JAMES: But did they respond? THE WITNESS: Not yet. I mean, they've only had it ten days. Now, I'm hopeful that within the next week or two that we'll get a reply and it'll be a favorable reply.

MR. JAMES: In this instance, you're not required to wait until an approval before you could start using the investor funds towards the construction?

THE WITNESS: We're -- we are -- we are moving forward in a very -- in a very controlled way. I'm eager for this approval. This is a great project for Vermont and for our region and for the investors. So I'm eager to get it going.

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THE WITNESS: Both RFEs were essentially asking about the job creation aspect of things, and they also wanted to know more about the technology demand. Good questions.

And I say — and as critical as I am of USCIS for how long they're taking, they've got some pretty good people now who are looking at the projects. The questions they ask are good questions, and we welcome the opportunity to answer them.

MR. JAMES: Do you know if that was produced to us in response to any of our subpoenas, the RFE --

THE WITNESS: I don't know if they have, but I would be delighted to provide it for you.

MR. JAMES: Can I request them also from you, Mr. Gordon?

MR. GORDON: I just want to ask him when they were generated.

MR. JAMES: I was going to ask the same question, so go ahead.

THE WITNESS: The most recent RFE was received, I'm going to say, on or about a month, maybe six weeks ago at the most. And we immediately went to work on it. It took us about

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I've got my -- I'm holding back the biggest element of the construction because I want to get the approval. But we're going to get it.

MR. JAMES: So you're not required to wait, but you're waiting on some level --

THE WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. JAMES: -- for the approval before you expend --

THE WITNESS: Correct.

MS. LAMA: How much has been raised to date from investors?

THE WITNESS: I'd have to check the -- I think it's in the seventy some million dollar range. Maybe more. I can get that specifically for you.

MR. JAMES: And the project's a hundred and ten million?

THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yeah.

MS. LAMA: In that approximate seventy million, does that include the administrative fees?

THE WITNESS: The administrative fees are part of the overall budgetary complexure. I don't -- and it's not a question of how much of the seventy would be -- you know, right now, we

Page 210 Page 212 1 have more than the full subscription, people 1 building the box and the -- you know, the 2 waiting to participate, but they'd like to see the 2 non-bioscience specific stuff. There's two 3 3 architects. One is a Vermont architect and the approval. 4 MS. LAMA: And how much has been spent 4 other is the specialist architect. 5 to date on architectural fees, designs, and 5 MS. LAMA: Okay. And which -- and who 6 6 construction -- or demolition, I should say? are those architects? 7 7 THE WITNESS: I would -- I could get THE WITNESS: NNE Pharmaplan is the 8 8 those precise numbers for you. I don't have a specialist architect. And the other is I believe 9 particular, you know, specific of that. We just 9 Gardner, the name Gardner Kilcoyne. 10 10 finished the demolition portion a week or so ago. Whenever you're building a building in 11 But I can get that for you and be happy to. 11 Vermont, you've got to have a Vermont architect 12 12 stamp the drawings. That isn't to say they just MS. LAMA: Okay. 13 And, approximately, how much did the 13 stamp them, because there's, you know, compliance 14 demolition cost? 14 issues that NNE would not know, because they're 15 15 THE WITNESS: Well, I just said that I dealing with the clean room design, the air 16 don't know the exact amount. But I can get it for 16 handling design, the bioscience element of the 17 you, and I can get a very precise number. I don't 17 building construction and formulation. And the 18 18 other stuff is really more of a Vermont architect. think we've gotten the invoices that would be 19 representative of the demolition. Probably are 19 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 20 20 being formulated now. Can you take a look at what -- in 21 MS. LAMA: Okay. 21 Exhibit No. 104, what's been marked as Bates 22 22 And who performed the demolition? ANCBIO-000249. It talks about the TPLS device, 23 23 THE WITNESS: A company called Peak CM. the foot-long device. A 249? 24 It's the name of the construction company. It's 24 25 headed by a fellow by the name of Jerry Davis. 25 Q Yes? Page 211 Page 213 A TPLS. 1 MS. LAMA: And that's a local 1 2 construction company? 2 Q And where it says, KFDA, FDA, CE 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, regional. Yeah. 3 approved. 4 They are located in Winooski, Vermont, but they do 4 A KFDA, yes. 5 business in the northern tier of Vermont. Done 5 Q Yes. 6 some work at Jay Peak. 6 What is that referring to? 7 7 MS. LAMA: Okay. A Korean FDA, FDA, and CE is the Japanese 8 8 Is there any relationship with Peak in equivalent of FDA. 9 9 Q Okay. terms of are they an independent third party or --10 THE WITNESS: They're an independent 10 And it also says, "Currently under 11 11 contractor, yeah. process of U.S. FDA approval," and it looks like 12 12 MS. LAMA: Okay. something's cutoff, the year. 13 13 And you mentioned the name of -- what Do you know why it says currently under 14 14 was the architect -process of U.S. FDA approval? 15 15 THE WITNESS: NNE Pharmaplan. A I don't know why that phrase was used. 16 MS. LAMA: Are there any other 16 It's not --17 architectural or consulting firms involved? 17 Q Is it --18 THE WITNESS: Trudel Environmental did 18 A It's not under FDA approval now. It's 19 19 currently under process. We're pulling together the engineering for us and are doing the 20 engineering for us. 20 the documentation for the sufficient due FDA. And 21 We do have a local Vermont architect. 21 I guess the currently under process is a broad 22 22 term. We certainly aren't claiming it has been There's the -- there's the -- the design and 23 architectural firm that's doing the technology 23 approved. 24 element of the building is very bioscience 24 Q But the -- so are you saying that that's 25 centric. And then there's the architect that's 25 accurate where it says, "Currently under process

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A I think I would say it's currently being prepared for presentation for FDA approval.

Q But is there anything pending with the FDA for approval?

A Well, I said to you last night -- or I said to you earlier this afternoon, that I spoke with Ike Lee last night about the importance now that the building formulation was nearing completion, it's time to put the pedal down with the FDA on the three elements of the business plan.

Q But there's nothing actually before the FDA; is that correct?

A There's nothing --

Q No approval process?

20 21 A There is no submission at the FDA right 22 now for that particular product. But it is the 23 most advanced product we have, and it has KFDA 24 approval. And that'll be the first product that 25 we will submit to the FDA.

A Exactly what it says.

Q And you've seen the documents?

A I've seen the patent documents, yes. I believe that they're a part of the RFE submissions.

MS. LAMA: And what is AnC Bio, Inc. South Korea? Who are they?

THE WITNESS: They're a company in Korea that we've had relationships with, and they have technology rights that we have actually accessed.

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q And when you say accessed, what do you mean?

A Well, we own them. It's part of our -our products. We own technology rights to bioscience-related products and services. And the RFE that I will send you will have copies of all of those patents and explanations for each and the science related to each.

Q And in order to obtain FDA approval, does there have to be some studies done?

A FDA approval will require a different level of approval for each product based on what it is and its history. And certain products will require a period of testing and different levels

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Q But will -- have you spoken with the FDA about what -- how KFDA approval, if that has any

A We know that KFDA approval does have impact and does have weight, but it's not FDA approval. The KFDA is a very demanding form of scientific regulation, also, but it's not FDA

8 approval.

impact?

Q Who put this in, that currently under process of U.S. FDA approval?

11 A I'm not sure who -- I'm not sure who put 12 that in.

This particular device is physically being used in Korea and in Korean operating rooms right now. This is not a theoretical device. This is a device that actually is being used in the operating room in Asia. Some of these things are going to need further testing, but this one is the one that is the most advanced.

Q And if you look at AnC Bio -- sorry. Let

21 me just go back for one second. 22 Where it says also that the TPLS is 23 developed under patented technology owned by AnC 24 Bio, Inc. South Korea, what's your understanding 25 of that?

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1 of what we would refer to as certification. And 2 some will require more than others. 3

Q So there has to be testing; is that correct?

A There -- there will be. There will be testing in certain of these for sure, and the degree of the testing will depend upon the particular product and the type of device that it represents.

I'm not trying to -- I'm saying yes, but I'm saying there may be ten different products and services that we're going to have and each one will have its own FDA protocol and approval timeline.

Q For the TPLS, has any testing been started yet?

A In the United States, no. In Asia, lots, because it's currently being use in human operations in Asia.

So to some degree, to some degree the U.S. FDA will accept some aspects of the preexisting usage and the testing, but not necessary all.

O How do you know that they'll accept it?

A That's what our scientists have -- no, I

Page 222 Page 224 1 hasn't been anything built or no FDA approval, has 1 don't -- I do not -- whenever asked, and I think 2 in our 526 approval -- or our submission, in our 2 there been any kind of revision to these 3 526 submission, I'll check the template, nowhere 3 projections? 4 4 A Well, you're showing me the offering do we claim that we have FDA approval for any 5 5 document that was prepared at the beginning. We product. We openly acknowledge that we have to go 6 through that, and we don't claim to -- in our 526 6 have now been almost eighteen months since this 7 7 submission, we don't claim to have FDA approval submission. We would have to forward these 8 for anything. 8 numbers. And, perhaps, what we would be best to 9 9 Q But this is a document that's given to have done would be to put year one, year two, year 10 10 three, because all bets are off with the USCIS investors; is that correct? 11 11 taking as long as they are for approvals. A This is given to investors as part of 12 their decision-making process, yeah. 12 You make your best guess based on -- on 13 Q Okay. 13 getting it approved and up and operating. Our 14 14 Can you turn to your attention to what's history at Jay Peak has always been four to six 15 15 been Bate marked ANCBIO-000081 where it talks months approval, but that's no longer the case 16 about the projection. It says, "Projected income 16 nationally. Right now USCIS is claiming the 526 17 and expenses, 2013 to 2018." 17 approvals are taking anywhere between fourteen and 18 18 A Uh-huh. twenty months. 19 19 Q Who prepared this? So I would say to you, yeah, these --20 A I think it was prepared in collaboration 20 2014 is here, and we haven't built yet because 21 with our Korean team, as well as Bill Kelly. 21 we're behind. So a going forward statement 22 22 would -- we would probably be wise to change that Q And did Mr. Gulisano also prepare this? 23 23 A I think he may have -- he may have from a particular year to a -- like a year one, 24 24 helped contribute to putting it together, yes. year two, year three. 25 25 Q What was the basis of these figures, MS. LAMA: And in terms of these Page 223 Page 225 1 what's contained here on Bate 81? 1 projections, how was demand assessed? What was 2 2 A I think it has largely to do with the the basis for the assumptions? 3 market demand that we expect for each of the 3 THE WITNESS: I would -- I'd have to 4 4 products of those three particular areas that I defer to Ike and to Dr. Lee, Dr. Jake Lee, on the 5 5 talked about. science part of the organs. 6 6 Q But how are these figures - what was The clean rooms, we relied on that 7 7 element of the industry. There's pretty -the basis of them? 8 A Basis of product, what we perceive the 8 there's pretty solid data on what clean rooms rent 9 9 market demand to be. And they're -- like any new for and what their availability is. 10 entity, they are an estimate of what we hope and 10 The RFE will help elaborate on the 11 expect will happen, not unlike the products that 11 numbers. 12 we -- we put forth in our offering documents for 12 MR. JAMES: Okay. 13 13 THE WITNESS: And does quite a good job the ski resort and the projects at Jay Peak. We 14 14 estimated on what we thought would happen. These of that. 15 15 numbers are put together on the basis of what our MR. JAMES: Okay. 16 16 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: best judgment is based on the industry and the 17 17 costs within the industry. Q If you look at what's been -- if you go 18 18 Q So you see that there's some figures a few pages earlier, Bates 69, where you see a 19 even in 2014, 2015. 19 timeline. 20 20 A Uh-huh. A 69? 21 21 Q Yeah. Who prepared this? Q If you look even under where it says, 22 artificial organs and stem cells and cleaning 22 Sorry. Just one second. Α 23 23 Q Okay. fees. 24 24 A Uh-huh. A The timeline that you're referring to, 25 25 Since the building hasn't -- there the capital raise, the preconstruction site work?

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That was the estimate based on when we started this effort to raise the capital. It clearly is out of -- out of date, and we need -we would need to update it.

You know, when you put a project together, you can take it so far and you make certain assumptions on the basis of your history with approval. And I said a minute ago that there were thirty projects in the United States when we started. There are five hundred now.

When we started, there were twenty-five adjudicators at USCIS. There's now seventy-five. Thirty and twenty-five adjudicators; five hundred projects and seventy-five adjudicators. So it doesn't -- it's not hard to understand why the timelines are taking longer. It doesn't help us, but it's understandable.

> (SEC Exhibit No. 105 was marked for identification.) BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q Okay. I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 105. It's a three-page document. It's like with bullet points regarding of income can we expect, and how many investors will participate?

MR. JAMES: This was sent out to potential investors?

THE WITNESS: I -- we would never -- we didn't send this out to -- if people would inquire of us, we would -- you know, this might be one of the things that we would give them.

> MR. JAMES: Okay. BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q When was this prepared?

A Well, it refers to full funding would be complete by spring of 2013, so I suspect it was a couple of years ago, because clearly, it's well beyond spring of 2013. We're in summer of '14. And I would think this was a few years ago.

Q It shows the directors of AnC Bio Vermont and AnC Bio, Inc. Korea?

Uh-huh.

Is that correct information?

A I know the directors of AnC Bio Vermont at the time are Ary, Bill, and myself. I don't know if Ary and Bill -- I don't believe Ary and Bill are currently directors of AnC Bio Korea. And I honestly don't know or think we're

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Do you recognize this document?

- Yeah, I've seen it. Yeah.
- Q Who prepared this?
- I believe our team at Jay Peak did.
 - And who is that?

AnC Bio Vermont.

A Myself. Alex McClean is one of our staff members. We did -- if I may review it. Okay.

Q Who else prepared this?

A I think it was done internally by our folks, myself included. And to answer, you know, the typical questions that people might have about things like training, timeline, why such a -- I mean, the questions are there, why EB-5, what would be built.

Q So was it prepared by you, Alex McClean?

A I believe that I participated in helping create this, because it was designed to be an easy to understand Q and A about the project.

MR. JAMES: This would be provided to investors that had questions?

THE WITNESS: If they asked a question. Not that they had issues. I mean, just we get asked all the time, why EB-5, why a facility in Vermont, you know, what are we building, what kind

using this document right now, but I'm not a hundred percent sure.

Q So you said at the time Ary, Mr. Quiros -

A Well, I don't know the date of this particular -- the creation of this document. I think this is very old, very old, because it's referring to funding will be completed in 2013. Now, that was a year ago. And I can tell by the EB-5 projects have five hundred and forty investors from sixty countries. We now have investors in seventy-four countries. So this is probably -- you know, this could be 2011, 2012.

Q And it also talks about FDA approval pending and there have been no submissions.

A Well, pending -- you know, pending is -to me means it's not approved. It's not approved. And if anybody were -- you know, I said this to you earlier, if anybody asked, do we have FDA approval, we would say, no, we do not have FDA approval.

Q Has anyone asked?

A Sure, they ask. Sure. That's important. Believe me, that's important. And we do not claim that. You know, and what was put in

Page 230 Page 232 this back of the folder here, I actually am 1 what's been marked as Exhibit No. 91. You'll see 1 2 2 embarrassed to see the English, it was not right, it's a multi-page document. The first part is a 3 and shame on me for not catching it. 3 cover letter to Ariel Quiros from George Gulisano, 4 4 MR. JAMES: But in Exhibit 105, where it cc'ing William Kelly, dated February 20th, 2014, 5 5 says, pending, wouldn't you interpret that to mean Transfer to Jay Peak Biomedical Park for February 6 that AnC Bio Vermont has done what they needed to 6 '14 Invoices, Part One of Four. And then when you 7 7 do in regards to FDA approval, and now they're to go to the second page, you'll see a request 8 just waiting on a response from FDA? 8 later dated February 24th signed by you --9 9 A Uh-huh. THE WITNESS: You might be able to 10 10 interpret it that way, but I -- when we get asked Q -- for the payment of certain invoices, 11 the question about FDA approval, we indicate that 11 and then you'll see various invoices attached. 12 12 we have not submitted for FDA yet, that we're Do you recognize this document? 13 13 A I do putting -- pulling the materials together for 14 14 that, but we have not -- we have not submitted it Q What is it? 15 yet. 15 A The first document? 16 MR. JAMES: Is there a similar document 16 Q Yeah. If you could just tell me a --17 17 that says what you just said and does not say it's give me a summary of each page. 18 18 pending? A Well, the first one is a memo to Ary 19 19 THE WITNESS: I'd have to look. from George Gulisano, "I've attached the 20 20 MR. JAMES: Do you recall such a -authorization of the general partner for this 21 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know. I do 21 transaction, as well as invoices to be paid." 22 know what we say when we're asked that question, 22 Q And the second page, is that your 23 23 and we're usually asked that question by most signature? 24 24 A The second page is my signature, yeah. 25 25 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: And then the invoices, do you know who Page 231 Page 233 1 Q What's the role of AnC Bio Vermont? 1 prepared these invoices? 2 2 A Well, that's the name of the entity that A This invoice? This one, Northeast 3 3 Contract Services? will operate the facility in Newport. 4 You know, the review of the offering 4 Q Yes, the invoices for Northeast Contract 5 5 document --Services. 6 MR. GORDON: Let them ask. There's no 6 A I don't know who prepared the invoice. 7 7 question. That's my signature on it. 8 8 THE WITNESS: Oh, Okay. Q Okay. 9 MR. GORDON: Are you guys about to 9 Do you know what this invoice to 10 switch subjects maybe? I'm just thinking about a 10 Northeast -- for Northeast Contract Services, what 11 five-minute break, and then also maybe talking 11 that's for? 12 12 about the schedule. A It has to do with the construction 13 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: If you need a break, 13 services for the project and the formulation of 14 14 we'll go off the record then. the project and the design work and overseeing 15 MR. GORDON: Well, why don't we just go 15 the -- you know, the project that is being done. 16 off the record to talk about the schedule, and 16 Q What's Mr. Kelly's role with Northeast 17 then we can decide whether we'll take a break or 17 **Contract Services?** 18 18 A He's the head of that operation, that not. MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Okay. We're off the 19 19 entity. 20 record. 20 MS. LAMA: And are these the 21 (A brief recess was taken.) 21 construction supervision fees that are referenced 22 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: We're back on the 22 in the offering materials? 23 record after a short break. 23 THE WITNESS: Are they the construction 24 BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: 24 supervision fees? They're reflective I believe of 25 25 some of that, yes. Yes, I do believe that. Q Mr. Stenger, can you take a look at

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MS. LAMA: And --

THE WITNESS: Architecture, technology acquisition, and the equipment ordering for the facilities, which is substantial.

MS. LAMA: And are these invoices -were payments due for these -- for architectural engineering fees and deposits? Why are these monies going to JCM?

THE WITNESS: Because there's work underway and there are commitments underway for those services that I just mentioned to you, those three particular areas; architectural, technology rights, and equipment ordering for the project. There are many million of dollars of equipment that are ordered and needed for this project that require many, many months of advance ordering for.

MS. LAMA: Okay. And what's you're understanding as to who these payments were going to be made to for this medical equipment? Where are these funds going?

And we have an obligation -- or the company that's building this facility has an

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obligation to produce and build the facility as outlined, and these are the progress payments

in -- in the activity of doing that.

MS. LAMA: Okay. And in February 2014. there were four installment payments made similar to this one, in the cover sheet that says one of four?

THE WITNESS: The five hundred and twenty thousand dollar invoice?

MS. LAMA: Actually, I'm sorry. I should be more clear. If we go to the first page.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

MS. LAMA: And it says in the subject, "Transfer to Jay Peak Biomedical Research Park, LP for February 2014 Invoices, Part One of Four." Were there four installment payments, each for six point two four million, that were similar -they're all similar to this one? So four payments each for six point two four million?

THE WITNESS: You're referring to this cover letter, asking if there are four of these?

MS. LAMA: Yes. So, approximately, twenty-five million was transferred?

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THE WITNESS: In many respects, they're

THE WITNESS: I'm not sure of the number. There may be three others. This is from George. So it very well could be. This is a big project and with substantial commitments. And there's a lot of -- a lot of investment and a lot of work and a lot of commitment.

MS. LAMA: And to your understanding, were the payments made to the Korean suppliers?

THE WITNESS: I believe that they have been, yes.

MR. JAMES: Obviously, we're approaching 5:30. Just one last subject area before we give Mr. Gordon a couple of minutes, and we adjourn until next time.

Earlier, you had referenced the separation with Mr. Hulme, and I think you said it was back in January, February of 2012. Do you recall that?

THE WITNESS: I do.

MR. JAMES: Do you recall specifically a strategic planning meeting I think in Miami?

THE WITNESS: On January 30th and 31st.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

And who was in attendance at that meeting?

2 going directly to the vendor and any Pharmaplan 3 architect. Some of them are going to AnC Bio 4 Korea for the technology rights. And the other 5 ordering of the products and services, there are a 6 host of different companies that will be the 7 provider of equipment and supplies for the 8 project. 9 MS. LAMA: Is it your understanding that 10 an amount was -- a payment was due for medical 11 equipment and that's why these Jay Peak Biomedical 11 12 Research Park investor funds were being 12 13 transferred to JCM? 13 14 THE WITNESS: I know that there are 15

14 15 things underway that need to be paid for and commitments made to facilitate the creation of 16 this project. And that's what these represent. 17 18 We've entered into agreements to produce 19 and create this project, and these are representative of the invoices that are -- that 20 21 are part of that. And I know that there's a --22 you know, there's a two point six million dollar fee arrangement per month, you know, for X-number 23 of months and that these are representative of 24

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THE WITNESS: George Gulisano, Bill Kelly, Ary Quiros, Douglas Hulme, and Nicholas Hulme, and myself.

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MR. JAMES: And what was the purpose for the gathering?

THE WITNESS: Well, the purpose was to do a review of project updates, but more than anything else, it was designed to be a forward looking what and how do we work collaboratively going forward.

11 MR. JAMES: Okay. You said that was 12 the --

THE WITNESS: That was what I call the meeting.

MR. JAMES: Okay.

And then did that turn out to be the --

17 THE WITNESS: It was -- it was not a --18 it was not a good meeting from my personal 19 opinion.

20 MR. JAMES: All right. Tell us why. 21 THE WITNESS: Well, I worked with

Douglas in Rapid USA for three, four years, five years. Worked productively for most of that time promoting the projects and the programs at

25 Mountain. And for that, he benefited in a very Page 240

1 vacation at Jay Peak and went back to Florida. I 2 suggested that we have a meeting in Florida to,

3 I'll call it, clear the air and also plan our

4 future projects. And it was, unfortunately, a

5 pretty contentious meeting between the parties.

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8 demanding bully, and I think that our CFO was

9 being a headstrong CFO. And the two of them were banging heads pretty hard.

But -- but Douglas did not know everything about our company. He was developing an attitude where -- and I'm trying to be as objective on this as possible, then and now. He was developing an attitude where, if we didn't do what he said in the way that he was perceiving our business, that he was not -- he was not going to continue. And, you know, I saw that progressive attitude coming over a period of time, and I -- in the past many months, because we had a pretty productive relationship for a long time.

I knew that there were some things about what we were heading into, that he wasn't particularly excited about having to perform. And I'll give you an example, the 829 scenarios.

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substantial way, which was our -- that was the agreement. In December, late December of 2011, he

came to Jay Peak, and he had interacted with our leadership team. And Douglas, a bright guy in many ways, also very obstinate and opinionated in other ways, a CA, not a CPA, a British gentleman. And his approach to how we were going to conduct our business came from a certain direction based on things that he might've thought or believed or a philosophy of how and who was going to control what

When he came to Jay Peak in December, he was interacting with our accounting staff and got to a point where he was -- demanding is not too strong a word I think, that we use and transfer and configure the accounts in a way that would be, perhaps, different than our Accounting Department wanted.

And it was a bit of a contentious situation between our accounting people and his desire to move funds in different places. He was not aware of all of what we do or did and obligations that we may have had or not had.

And he left after a two-week family

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The 829 is a lot of work, a lot of work. They were committed to doing the 829s. They told the investors that when the 829s came to be done, that they would be there to do them. And he wanted to get compensation from the investors for the 829s. He was hoping to get two, three, four, five thousand dollars per investor for the 829s. Well, the investors were not buying it.

So I think there were, in addition to philosophical stuff, personality conflicts, which there definitely were some personality conflicts, and the fact that he had benefited enormously from our first several projects. Projects were getting more competitive.

And that fifty thousand dollar fee that I mentioned earlier, more and more of those referral fees or those administrative fees were being cut substantially because third parties, like Chinese agents and others, were expecting to get a slice of it.

So when he was getting his fifty thousand dollars per investor in the first several projects, towards the end, there were fifteen or twenty thousand of that fifty was having to go to another party too that he had made arrangement

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So, you know, I -- I look back on that, and I know how hard I worked to make these projects at Jay Peak successful. I know that he made north of fifteen million dollars in three years as an agent for Jay Peak. I helped him immensely make that money.

I think you've sensed how passionate I am about what I do and what we have done, and I carry that same passion with our — with our investors and when we welcome them. And I helped him immeasurably make an enormous amount of money

Now, that's neither here, nor there, because that was the deal. But I look at his demand and the way he -- he was abusive at the end. And I just -- and I have to say that my CFO was a little bit headstrong, too. And, frankly, at the end of those two days of meetings, I wanted to shake them both. I wanted to shake them both, but --

MR. JAMES: Specifically, what was said -- what was the argument about between -- it sounds like you're saying the CFO and Mr. Hulme --

THE WITNESS: Oh, it was, you know, how are accounts going to be organized and presented?

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But, you know, he wasn't -- he was -- he had picked -- he had picked the fruit. It was going to get a little tougher operationally and from a performance standpoint, the 829s I mentioned. And then there was the personality conflict and the control issues that were becoming obvious.

MR. JAMES: And what accounts -- you said he was demanding that you guys, Jay Peak, handle the accounts a certain way. What accounts is he referring to, the accounts at Raymond James? Is it accounting you're talking about? What exactly?

THE WITNESS: A little bit of both.

Presentation, presentation of accounts, tax

presentations, whether or not funds were in a

particular account by the end of the year, because
he wanted to show more money in the account for
the year-end for 829 reasons. But we had made
commitments for the use of the funds and we -- we,
you know, we had commitments to do things. And we
had initiated, you know, construction or activity.

So it was -- it was style. It was -- it was -- he had an agenda that was concerned about

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- How are the taxes going to be filed and when?
- 2 Who's going to do it? Who's not going to do it?
- 3 And Douglas wanted control. And it was --
- 4 unfortunately, it was obvious to me that you can't
- 5 do that. You're a third-party vendor here. And
- 6 you might have some recommendations and some
 - opinions, but you're not going to run our
- 8 business. You don't know the whole picture of
- what we are and what we've done and what
 commitments we've made and what things we've
- 11 accomplished.

And, you know, it was -- it was just, you know -- business situations, unfortunately, will sometimes dissolve. And I felt bad about

that, because there was a lot of good. But therewas an evolution that was not -- was not

respectful, and I felt bad about it.

But as time went on and I look back on it, I also realized that when Mr. Hulme was at Jay

- Peak in late December, he left Jay Peak for a
- 21 couple of days and went down to our competitor at
- Mount Snow in the southern part of the state and
- began a relationship with them while he's still
- 24 working with us. Totally, un -- I mean, I found
- out about it because our industry is a small

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1 certain things of which I was concerned, too,

because he made it appear to me that for the USCIS829 side, that, perhaps, the more you showed in

the account before December 31st for tax purposes,

the better. But, you know, frankly, I didn't -- I

6 didn't understand all of it.
 7 I just knew that he is

I just knew that he was demanding certain things that were just unreasonable, and not his business. And he was acting as though, frankly, that he was a -- he thought he should be directing what we were doing. It just wasn't -- not the way it was going to be.

MR. JAMES: But can you tell us any anymore as far as what Mr. Gulisano said, what -- any comments that Mr. Hulme made at the actual meeting?

THE WITNESS: You know, I have -- you probably heard this in other situations, you had to be there. You had to be there. And you just -- you've got two people who are dueling accountants. And I wanted to -- as I said, I wanted to shake them both.

MR. JAMES: Was there any discussion about whether the partnership accounts were encumbered, that's why they were not showing --

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            THE WITNESS: None. And I remember
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            THE WITNESS: Oh, I don't know if there
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later, I get a one-sentence letter saying that Rapid USA is no longer going to represent Jay Peak. That's it. No clarity. No anything.

And, you know, I'm literally at the parking lot of the airport about to get on a plane. And I do. I get on a plane. I fly down here. I go to the event. They're not there.

And Ary, who lives here, and I, after the first day and I spoke at the conference, got in Ary's car, and we drove over to Naples to sit down with him and say, hey, what the hell is going on? And went over there. He wasn't there. His son wasn't there. None of -- the receptionist was there.

And asked where he was, and she said she didn't know where he was. Well, I said to her, I said, would you please let him know that I'm trying to get together with him and sit down and talk over what's of concern. Because the letter certainly didn't say anything and the phone call didn't.

So we head back to Miami, and I get a phone call from the secretary indicating that if I had any questions about going forward with them, to direct them to an attorney by the name of Mr.

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secretary of the meeting, no. There were no votes taken.

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It was a meeting of -- I think I said six people. And we were trying to get the team focused on the future and got bogged down in accounting and personalities.

MR. JAMES: And shortly thereafter, Mr. Hulme terminated his relationship with the partnerships in Jay Peak --

THE WITNESS: Yeah. There was a program being conducted here in Miami that we had participated in for three years, and I spoke at, two hundred and fifty attorneys, over the Parrot Jungle conference area. And I was headed to the airport to get on the plane to come down to meet him and his son to do that presentation.

And he calls me, and he says, I'm calling to let you know that Rapid USA is no longer going to represent Jay Peak. And I said, Douglas, what are you talking about? I said, what the hell is going on? And he said, well, you're going to get a letter in a second explaining it. Then I tried to engage him. I said, what's going

In maybe fifteen or twenty minutes

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Lindsey. And I then I think, I'm not sure if it was that next day, but soon thereafter, I reached out to Mr. Lindsey, and I think it was a week or so later maybe. I'm not sure of the dates, Brian.

I was invited to come to a meeting down here. And I went to Mr. Lindsey's office where Mr. Lindsey and Douglas and another gentleman, who was introduced to me as a former SEC lawyer, manager in South Florida. I don't recall his name. But I sat for about two hours with Douglas and went over the things that, you know, were of seemingly concern to him. And I asked him at the end of the meeting --

> MR. JAMES: You can continue. (Mr. James leaves the room.)

THE WITNESS: I asked -- I asked him towards the end of meeting, I said, Douglas, do you want to continue to work together and continue to create the impacts that we're talking about, the positive impacts? And he got up and left the rooming with Mr. Lindsey and the other gentleman, and then they came back. He said, well, if you can provide me with some assurance of certain things, we'll consider it, I'll consider it. I said, well, give me a list of what you'd like, and

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(Mr. James enters the room.)

THE WITNESS: He did not produce that list at that time, because we just met, but he sent it to me I think it was the next day. Many of the things that were of concern to him we were able to produce right away. Some of it was -required Heather Whipkey, one of our staff accountants, to do.

And Heather had two children -- has two children, and one of them was sick. And on the Friday of that week, which was the date that Mr. Lindsey had said that he would like to have this information, Heather had a sick child and indicated that she could not get the information together until Monday, but she would have it Monday. And that message was imparted to them. 17 And at the end of the day on Friday, they sent a letter indicating that he was no

19 20 longer interested in pursuing a relationship with 21 us. And then they put out a -- I guess you call 22 it a press release or a couple of paragraph letter 23 to investors, attorneys indicating that, you know, 24 Rapid USA was no longer interested in being part 25 of Jay Peak and that they did not have confidence raised concerns?

THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to that in terms of whether every investor got it, but any investor that expressed any concern was answered in detail.

MS. LAMA: And what reasons did they state for not having confidence in the financial information?

THE WITNESS: Never got an answer. Never got an answer.

I saw him twice after that at various events that we were at. And he actually came up to me in an event in California, and he apologized, because the way he did that was really disgraceful. It did not have to happen that way. If he had had the courtesy of reaching out to me and giving us an opportunity to answer the questions that he had, which were not that difficult, we just had to produce the data. But I believe he was -- he was hell bent to go another direction, because he wanted to. His choice, but you know, you don't have to do it that way.

And when I look back on what were we building at the time, what have we built since, what projects have we completed, have we done

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in our financial situation or presentation. We then proceeded to give every single

partnership complete financial details on each of the projects as it related to their particular area.

(Mr. James leaves the room.)

THE WITNESS: And calmed everybody down,

because that -- their actions certainly created some concern among our investors and our attorneys, but we were able to demonstrate to everyone's satisfaction that these projects were

12 performing as they should, doing what they were 13 supposed to do, and creating what they were

supposed to do.

15 MS. LAMA: And you mentioned complete 16 financial details were provided. What was 17 provided?

18 THE WITNESS: Well, we provided them 19 with the balance sheets and the detail of each 20 project.

21 MS. LAMA: And who are they?

THE WITNESS: The investors in the

23 various projects that we had.

24 MS. LAMA: So was this information 25 distributed to all investors or investors who

1 everything that we said we would do, that he 2 might've thought we weren't going to be completing 3 the way he might've thought, we did that and 4

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q At the meeting, did Mr. Hulme raise any concerns about that money being - money raised for one project, one phase, was being used to pay money for a different phase?

A At which meeting?

At any of the meetings.

A Not really, no.

0 That didn't come up?

A No.

Q Did he raise any concerns about any deficits from any accounts?

A We had projects going, and Phase I, Phase II, Penthouse, Golf and Mountain Suites, and in the peak and valley of our operating season, you had pluses and minuses. And we had the ability, through our operations, to cover any valley that occurred, and we had the wherewithal to weather any kind of up or down.

And whether -- you know, if he had a concern, and he may have expressed a concern, but

we were capable of handling whatever was happening in the marketplace and in the weather world of skiing and our operation.

Q At any of the meetings with Mr. Hulme and/or his attorney present, did anyone say that money that would be raised from the Jay Peak Biomedical offering would be used to cover some kind of hole, or words to that effect?

A I don't recall any discussion of the bioscience project with Douglas, no.

Q Or not even saying specifically, but saying from the next offering or the upcoming offering, money raised from that, the upcoming offering would be used to help cover some kind of hole or deficit?

A Every project has an element of income to the company. And so every project, there's a benefit. And what we do with that benefit is the company's prerogative.

So -- but were we looking at this project and that project? No. There's an element of profitability for each project. And if we looked at a project and said, well, there's a benefit for this, so be it.

Q But my question is very specific. Did

And we have projects that produced financial gain, and what we do with those financial gains is the -- that's what business is about.

So, you know, I'm trying to answer your question from a conceptual standpoint, but I don't know if there was a particular quote. But certainly if there was a financial obligation, and we had a business outcome that was on the horizon, and we were going to take the outcome of that business and use it for whatever, pay a bill, pay a commitment, so be it.

MS. LAMA: Were there any concerns or an issue and specifically an issue raised about margin loans or a project shortfall that had to be resolved?

THE WITNESS: We had certain elements of our projects that went over budget. And they went over budget because of weather, winter construction, and in a couple of instances, decisions that we made -- I made about whether or not the water park would be of a certain characteristic or whether or not the ice arena would have certain features to it.

I did that with my eyes wide open, because my consultants told me that if you build

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someone say -- did anyone say at the one of the meetings with Mr. Hulme and/or his attorney that money that would be raised from the next project would be used to cover some kind of hole or deficit?

A Well, I mean, money that's earned as part of the project and perfectly legitimate, what you do with that is your business.

Q So did someone say that?

A Well, I mean, I don't know if somebody said that, but what would be wrong if they did?

Q I'm just asking if they did.

A No. I mean, I could imagine that we would say -- or I could say that if a particular project X is completed and within the context of that project there is a financial benefit and you do something with that -- those funds, that's your business.

Now, we have a business where you have an operating winter, you have peaks and valleys in the business cycle, and we have to deal with those business realities every single year. If you have a bad winter weather wise, you might have a bigger issue at the end of the winter. If you have a great winter, maybe you'll have less of an issue.

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this water park and you build it this particular
way, you'll get a little bit of a bang from it.
But if you do it this way, the retractable roof,
the transparent roof, a couple of features in it,
you will make an enormous difference in the
financial outcome of your project.

I took that advice. I did it. The cost

I took that advice. I did it. The cost of the water park was significantly higher than was originally designed. But within the proceeds of that project, whether it was land sales or supervision or whatever that we were entitled to, envisioned that being used to take care of the expansion of the facility. So, you know, there's that kind of give and take in a project.

And we also had other resources, our operating experience, our ski proceeds to take care of some of this. And we were seeing our sales grow in a very, very meaningful way.

MS. LAMA: Okay. Not to -- I'm sorry to --

THE WITNESS: It's all right.

MS. LAMA: -- to interrupt. But
specifically, was there a shortfall that was an
issue that was the subject of discussion and how
is that shortfall going to be addressed, a

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specific shortfall?

THE WITNESS: Well, yeah. In the meeting on the 30th and 31st, there was discussion about what the financial -- I guess I don't want to say bottom line, but what would our next operating year look like in terms of our obligations and our responsibilities, and how are we going to address the projects going forward and the operating situation for that given fiscal year? And there was discussion about it, but the ultimate resolution of that question was never approached in those meetings because it never got there. The personality stuff that I referred to got in the way.

MS. LAMA: Was there an issue, concern about funds from later offerings or projects being used to fund cost overruns?

THE WITNESS: Was there an issue? MS. LAMA: Yes.

THE WITNESS: What do you mean by an issue?

MS. LAMA: A concern raised related to cost overruns, for example, like the water park, for cost overruns being paid for using funds from investor funds from subsequent offers.

MS. LAMA: A later offering. For example, funds from Penthouse -- I'm sorry, from Golf and Mountain Suites or Light (sic) and Townhouse being used to pay for a prior offering, the project cost construction in a prior offering.

THE WITNESS: Proceeds -- proceeds from a project could be used for whatever purpose we want, and if it is to retire an invoice or an element of debt on something that was either at the ski area or a particular business activity of ours, that's our business. Yeah, that's all right. There's nothing wrong with that.

There's nothing wrong with me taking the proceeds from something I'm working on tomorrow and take care of a debt that I might've had yesterday, as long as the agreement indicates that I have the right to that proceed or that benefit.

I mean, we are in a cyclical business, and some years you do great and other years you may have stress.

MS. LAMA: Okay. So there were specific situations where investor funds for a specific offering were used to fund the expenses of another offering?

THE WITNESS: I said the proceeds from a

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THE WITNESS: Any shortfall that we might've had we had a number of different avenues to address that. Some of those did not involve Douglas Hulme, and it was none of his business. Remember, he's a third-party promotional person. And we -- you know, we allowed him in our -- in our building, so to speak. And, you know, he's not privy to all of our work, all of our companies, all of our banking relationships, all of our profits and proceeds.

MS. LAMA: Okay.

THE WITNESS: So do you understand what I mean, though? So if there might've been a discussion about this, he's not in a position — he's not a partner. He's not a business partner. And if he didn't care for our business structure or plan or the people, just say, look, I don't want to do business with you anymore. Just say

MS. LAMA: Okay.

To your understanding, did you ever have a concern or did someone ever raise a concern to you that funds from a later offering were used to pay for construction in a prior offering?

THE WITNESS: Funds from a --

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project that might be going forward and that we were entitled to could be used for whatever purpose we want as long as it is consistent with the offering and the business plan that we're dealing with. That's fundamental business, isn't it?

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

Q I'm just a little confused. When you said proceeds and Michelle is asking you about investor funds, were you seeing a difference?

A Well, of course. If I have investor funds, the vast majority of those investor funds are supposed to be used to build a project or a facility. But built into the offering and the business plan are areas of income that are legally entitled to the developer, the general partner -- I guess it's the wrong term, but to the person or entity that's providing and doing the project.

Q Are you talking about the construction supervision fees?

A That's one of the things.

I mean, I'm sorry I'm getting a little high pitched here, but how can it be wrong to take the proceeds that you're legally allowed to take and use them for what you choose, whether it's --

Page 262 Page 264 I mean, I've never bought my wife a Maserati, but 1 THE WITNESS: I'm pausing only because 2 2 I don't think it was at all. I don't think it if I wanted to and those incomes were to me -- I 3 3 mean, that's a bad example. But you get my -- I was. 4 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Let's go off the mean, we have used the income from the ski area to 4 5 pay bills. We've used the income from the sale of 5 record for a second. 6 real estate to pay bills. We use the proceeds 6 (A brief recess was taken at 6:01 p.m.) 7 7 from, perhaps, an EB-5 project that are legally EVENING SESSION 8 8 allowed to us for any number of reasons. MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: We're back on the 9 9 Am I wrong in thinking that way? record. 10 10 There were no substantive conversations. Q I guess I'm just trying to understand, 11 because I think we're talking about proceeds and 11 We just discussed your flight -- I guess at the 12 investor money and -12 beginning we had talked about 7:30, but now I 13 13 A I'm sorry. understand it's a different time. We won't be 14 MR. GORDON: Maybe -- can I help? 14 able to finish today. We'll have to adjourn, but 15 15 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Yeah. not end the testimony. But your attorney wanted 16 MR. GORDON: Maybe you can tell him what 16 an opportunity to ask a few questions. 17 17 you mean by the word "proceeds." Because I think MR. GORDON: Bill, just I want to go 18 18 that there's -- Ms. Lama is using the phrase back to some questioning that happened earlier in 19 19 "investor funds," and you're using the word the day. You were asked about funds that had been 20 20 "proceeds." And, perhaps, you could explain what at bank accounts in Vermont that were transferred 21 you mean. 21 to Raymond James in 2008, and I think they were 22 THE WITNESS: I'm not talking about 22 characterized as an investor funds through the 23 23 investor funds. I'm talking about a project has a questions. Do you recall that? 24 mission and expenses. And there are certain 24 THE WITNESS: I do. 25 areas that the entity that creates the project, 25 MR. GORDON: Okay. Do you know whether Page 263 Page 265 they're entitled to what they're legally entitled 1 any of these funds were, in fact, funds owed by 1 2 2 the partnerships to Jay Peak, Inc.? 3 3 The sale of land, what do I do with the THE WITNESS: They very possibly 4 proceeds of the sale of land for a project? Well, 4 could've been. 5 if I want to pay a bill from yesterday, I can do 5 MR. GORDON: And do you know whether -6 6 that. It's my right. whether there were funds in these accounts that 7 MS. LAMA: What's you understanding as 7 didn't originate with the investors in the limited 8 to how that was tracked, that X-portion went to 8 partnerships? 9 9 THE WITNESS: At that particular stage the resort owner or the developer and those 10 portions were allotted and used in whatever manner 10 in our early projects, yes, that's very likely 11 they were used in? How was that tracked? 11 possible. Funds could have come from the 12 THE WITNESS: How was it tracked? Well, 12 operation of the ski area. It could've come from 13 every project has its budget. Every project has 13 Ary himself. It could've come from a number of 14 its timeline. And every month, we would develop 14 sources. 15 15 MR. GORDON: I don't have any other the invoices of the project, pay the bills. 16 And we tracked things every month for every 16 questions. 17 project. 17 MS. LAMA: In a follow-up to that 18 18 Now, I think at the most, we had -- we question, would funds from other sources be 19 19 had two projects going at one time. I think Golf deposited into the escrow accounts at People's 20 and Mountain Suites and Lodge and Townhouse was 20 Bank? 21 21 the only time we had two projects in actual THE WITNESS: They might. They might 22 22 be. If -- I don't doubt that during the course of construction at the same time. 23 MS. LAMA: I guess just one last 23 the history of the Phase I project that might've 24 24 question on this meeting. Was the issue of margin been the case because we went over -- we had 25 25 loans discussed at this meeting? thirty-five investors, Michelle, and we had

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1 expenses above and beyond the seventeen and a half 2 million. And it is totally possible that funds 3 went into that account from other sources to pay 4 for, perhaps, an overage. 5

MS. LAMA: And you're referring again to the escrow accounts?

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THE WITNESS: No. I'm just saying -you asked a question, and I'm telling you it is entirely possible that that could be the case. And records will show that, though. I mean, that project has long since completed. All of the detail is clear.

MS. LAMA: Okay. So just to be clear, is it your testimony that funds coming from escrow accounts at People's Bank --

THE WITNESS: Funds coming from the escrow accounts at People's Bank?

MS. LAMA: At People's Bank -- let me rephrase it.

Is it your testimony that there could be funds, other than investor funds deposited into the escrow accounts at People's Bank?

THE WITNESS: The escrow accounts? That wasn't what Dave had asked me. The Phase I account at Raymond James or at People's, it's

BY MS. FUCHS-SINDLER:

O So you're saying it might've. So you're belief is just based on what things might have happened; is that fair?

A Well, you're asking me a question, is -were all of the funds in the escrow account only from the Phase I investors, and I'm saying to you that there might've been funds from another source go into those accounts. I don't know that, but I don't know that it didn't.

The line of questioning, I'm trying to not say, gee, no funds from any other source ever went into that. I don't know that that's the case. I know that we had, for instance, in that -- we had to pay bills for the Phase I project that were in excess of seventeen and a half million. And those funds may have been paid out of Jay Peak, may have been paid from Ary Quiros's personal funds. It might've been paid -you know, those are examples of where they could've come from.

MS. LAMA: But my question is different. My question was: The escrow accounts at People's Bank, whether for Phase I, Phase II or any of the other phases, was any money deposited into the

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entirely possible that funds were deposited into those accounts to -- to pay for some of the expenses for Phase I --

MS. LAMA: Okay.

THE WITNESS: -- but I can provide detail that would demonstrate what I'm referring

MS. LAMA: Okay. Then let me clarify my question. As far as the escrow accounts at People's Bank, were those escrow accounts only used to deposit investor money?

THE WITNESS: Were the escrow accounts at People's Bank used only for the depositing of investor funds? I believe that there very well could've been additional funds put into those accounts. It's possible that it was more than

just investor funds. MS. LAMA: And what is that based on? THE WITNESS: Well, based on the fact that we had bills in excess of seventeen and a half million dollars for that project and the funds paying for the project came from somewhere. And they might've come from our ski area proceeds. They might've come from work we did. Might've come from our partner, Ary Quiros.

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escrow accounts, other than investor funds, funds raised from investors?

THE WITNESS: I don't know if there were no other funds invested in -- or deposited there. It is very easy to determine that.

Did I answer your question?

MS. LAMA: If you're done answering.

THE WITNESS: Well, I'm trying to -- I'm trying to determine whether or not you -- if I'm not explaining satisfactorily to you.

The investors in Phase I, many of them went into the escrow account. But at the very beginning of the Phase I project, when we took control of the company in January of '08, there were -- there were many, many, hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars of expenditures already -- already spent and created and worked on.

Now, I know that some of that -- some of those expenses were paid by Jay Peak. And the majority, the vast majority of the investor funds went into the escrow account. But there's a very clear paper trail. I mean, it's not -- you know, you're asking me here, and it's been a very good meeting, but, what, eight hours later, I'm -- I

Page 272 Page 270 can only tell that you we have perfect records of 1 I'm saying, you know, if you make the 2 every investor whose funds did go into the -- that 2 appropriate legal approved profit on something, 3 3 particular fund, when they went, where they went, whether it a land sale or other agreed-upon and what they did. And that's what I'm trying to 4 4 elements of income, you're entitled to do with 5 just flesh out for you. Okay? 5 those elements of income what you want. And it 6 MS. LAMA: Okay. 6 would be the same. I mean, that to me is a 7 7 MR. GORDON: Maybe I'm just going to ask fundamental of American business. I mean, I hope 8 8 him one other question, or is that -- is that that's --9 9 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Was there anything okay? 10 So seventeen and a half million dollars 10 else that you wanted to add at all? 11 11 THE WITNESS: No. No. for Phase I is raised from investors and it goes 12 12 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Okay. So thank you, into an escrow account. Is some portion of that, 13 13 once after invested, no longer investor funds to So we're off the record at 6:15. 14 14 (Whereupon, at 6:15 p.m., the your mind? 15 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat that? 15 examination was concluded.) 16 MR. GORDON: Sure. 16 17 17 So under the offering materials, 18 18 investors put up seventeen and a half million 19 19 dollars. Does some portion of that belong upon 20 20 investment to others? 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 22 MR. GORDON: Can you give some 22 23 23 examples. 24 24 THE WITNESS: Well, there's land sales. 25 There's the construction supervision cost. There 25 Page 271 Page 273 1 PROOFREADER'S CERTIFICATE 1 may be other elements within that that are 2 2 appropriately due the developer. 3 3 MR. GORDON: So in addition then to In the Matter of: JAY PEAK, INC. 4 funds that Jay Peak, Inc. or Q Resorts or others 4 Witness: William Stenger 5 5 may be placing into accounts of a partnership, File Number: FL-03815-A 6 Date Wednesday, May 21, 2014 6 would it be fair to say that there are some 7 portion of funds in those accounts that right of 7 Location: Miami, Florida 33131 8 8 off the bat belong to others? 9 9 This is to certify that I, Donna S. Raya, THE WITNESS: Absolutely. 10 10 MR. GORDON: That's it. (the undersigned), do hereby swear and affirm that 11 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. 11 the attached proceedings before the U.S. Securities 12 MS. FUCHS-SINDLER: Okay. So, 12 and Exchange Commission were held according to the 13 obviously, we couldn't finish today, but it's 13 record and that this is the original, complete, true 14 already 6:12. So we're going to adjourn for the 14 and accurate transcript that has been compared to 15 the reporting or recording accomplished at the 15 day. 16 Is there anything you wanted to add or 16 hearing. 17 clarify before we go off the record? 17 18 18 THE WITNESS: No, other than that when 19 19 (Proofreader's Name) you're doing a project and you have proceeds that (Date) 20 are legally -- that you're entitled to, I just 20 21 21 want to re-enforce the fact that there's nothing 22 22 wrong with using those funds in whatever manner 23 23 you are legally allowed to. And by legally, I 24 24 mean, you know, you're not going to go out and by 25 25 drugs.

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